EPSU Youth Network meeting

Madrid, 7–8 November 2026

Venue: Escuela Sindical Confederal "Juan Muñiz Zapico", Calle Longares 6, 28022 Madrid

Saturday 7 November

09:30–09:50 | Welcome and opening

- Welcome from EPSU, FES Future of Work and CCOO
- Introductions and overview of the agenda

09:50–11:00 | Young people are mobilising across Europe – what is happening in our countries?

Across Europe, young people are taking to the streets to demand change. What is driving these movements, and how are trade unions responding?

Roundtable discussion with participants:

- What is happening in your country and union?
- What are young people mobilising around?
- What role are trade unions playing in these movements?
- What challenges and opportunities do these movements present for trade unions?
- Do you need solidarity or support from other unions or from EPSU Youth?

11:00–11:15 | Coffee break

11:15–11:30 | Preparation for the CCOO event and discussion wrap-up

- Main messages from the morning's discussion
- Practical information for the CCOO event and travel to Alcorcón

11:30–12:20 | Travel to Alcorcón

12:30–14:00 | CCOO event – Against Rent-Seeking: Defend Your Class

Participation in the CCOO youth event in Alcorcón.

14:00–14:50 | Return travel and packed lunch

15:00–16:00 | Digitalisation, AI and collective bargaining

With Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Future of Work

- How are unions responding to technological change through collective bargaining?
- Examples of unions already negotiating on digitalisation and AI
- What issues matter particularly to young workers?
- What should young workers be asking their unions to bargain on?
- Discussion and exchange of experiences

16:00–16:20 | Coffee break

16:20–17:30 | Young workers against deregulation and corporate power

With Milieudefensie Jong

- What does deregulation mean for public services, workers and young people?
- How does corporate influence affect political decision-making?
- What can we learn from youth-led campaigning and mobilisation?
- How can young trade unionists respond to these challenges?
- Opportunities for cooperation, campaigning and solidarity

17:30–18:00 | Youth statement and closing discussion

Turning the day's discussions into a common position.

- What are the main messages emerging from the meeting?
- What do young public service workers want to see change?
- What demands and priorities should be reflected in an EPSU Youth Network statement?
- Agreeing key messages for a statement to be submitted to the EPSU Executive Committee for approval
- Next steps for drafting and consultation

Evening | Dinner at the venue

Sunday 8 November

09:30–10:00 | Understanding EPSU and its structures

- What is EPSU, and how does it work?

- The role of the Congress, Executive Committee, Standing Committees and other EPSU structures
- Where does the Youth Network fit in?
- How can young members influence EPSU's decisions and priorities?

10:00–11:00 | EPSU Youth Network elections and leadership

- Election of new Steering Committee members
- Leadership roles within the Steering Committee
- Expectations and responsibilities of Steering Committee members
- Strengthening the work of the Steering Committee between meetings

11:00–11:15 | Coffee break

11:15–12:00 | How should the Youth Network work?

- Do the current structures and guidelines work for us?
- How can we encourage more active participation in the Network?
- Improving communication and cooperation between meetings
- Are changes to the guidelines necessary, or could we first trial new ways of working?

12:00–12:40 | Towards the next EPSU Congress

How do we want young workers to influence EPSU's future?

- What are our priorities for the coming years?
- How can the Youth Network contribute to EPSU's mid-term work?
- What do we want to achieve before the next EPSU Congress in 2029?
- How can young members have a stronger voice within EPSU?

12:40–13:00 | Conclusions and closing

- Main outcomes of the meeting
- Follow-up on the Youth Network statement
- Agreeing campaign priorities, responsibilities and next steps
- Closing remarks