



## ETF CAMPAIGN 4TH RAILWAY PACKAGE

### 9 OCTOBER 2013: ETF RAILWAY WORKERS ACTION DAY

The **ETF Railway Workers Action day of the 9<sup>th</sup> of October has arrived**. Railway workers across Europe will mobilise together on the same date to influence, first and foremost, the Members of the European Parliament. The TRAN (Transport and Tourism Committee) of the European Parliament is going to discuss the reports and amendments on the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package on the **14<sup>th</sup> of October** and will vote on the **26<sup>th</sup> of November**.

The position that the TRAN will take is very important because it will be the bases for the discussion in the Parliament plenary.

It is essential therefore to target during the actions of 9 October the Members of the European Parliament and make them aware of the unions' position.



The day of action shall be also an occasion to **inform the public**, so the passengers, of the potential threats of the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package for the quality of rail services. Nobody is better placed than the railway workers to know what will be the effects of further liberalisation and fragmentation in the sector.

**Our people, the railway workers**, should also be targeted during the actions to raise awareness

among our own ranks about the risks for the future of our sectors.

The 9 October will be a **decentralised day of action** and the ETF has already received information that initiatives are going to be put in place in the following countries.



#### AUSTRIA

Initiatives are organised to inform the colleagues from the railway sector about content and risks of the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package through:

- a special edition of an "union newspaper";
- posters;
- distribution of ETF-leaflets (with an additional national message).

The material will be distributed at workplaces in whole Austria.

A paper containing claims of our union will be sent to the minister of transport at the parliament (Vienna)



#### BELGIUM

The Belgian unions have foreseen:

- Articles in newspapers and union magazines;
- Information through newsletter and union websites to the members;
- Organisation of union meetings;
- Distribution of flyers in Dutch and French to the railway workers;
- A postcard with messages in Dutch and French sent to the company and to the policy makers
- A major event conference with international participation and the three EP rapporteurs (was planned on 9 October but had to be postponed to 15 October due to the Strasbourg week)



## BULGARIA

Actions planned by the union  
FTTUB in Bulgaria:

- All railway workers will protest against the 4th Railway Package by wearing stickers with the campaign's logo calling "No fragmentation, No privatization, For integration, For people's rail."
- /second/ sending of letters to Bulgarian MEPs.
- plenary of national sectorial social dialogue for railway transport to present our position and ask for the official position of Bulgaria on the 4th Railway package.
- round tables will be organized to discuss the 4th Railway Package, where leaflets will be distributed to railway workers.
- FTTUB youth network will distribute leaflets to the passengers - in Sofia and Plovdiv.
- The Minister of Transport will be invited to the FTTUB's Board meeting to make him familiar with the campaign against the fourth Railway Package, the problems and concerns of international truck drivers and urban transport workers, and last but not least the necessary steps to fight with the grey economy will be discussed in order to fight social dumping.
- Posters of both ITF's campaign and the campaign against the fourth Railway Package will be distributed.
- Press releases and updates at FTTUB's website and Facebook profile are foreseen.



## CROATIA

During a meeting of 500 workers' representatives in Trogir, a conference on the 4th Railway

Package took place.

The postcard will be massively sent to Croatian MEPs and a press conference will be organised.



## FRANCE

A strike has been called in conjunction with the national reform of the railways. All ETF

affiliates will participate.

CGT – UNSA – CFDT – FO – CFTC : joint call to action for 9 October.

Distribution of flyers and meetings with union members are organised.



## GERMANY

Meetings of workers are planned for the 9th October. The focus will be the separation between

infrastructure manager and operations since liberalisation is already a reality in Germany.

EVG will distribute among its members "portrait cards" (cards with the face of a railway worker) explaining personal experiences of workers that are not able to work in their profession any more due to loss of medical aptitude. Some specific focus groups will be targeted such as young workers.

The ETF post card campaign will start on 9 October: all EVG regional offices have been provided with the addresses of the 99 German MEPs. The post cards will be printed with an additional part with suggestions for a text to be sent as a personal message to the MEPs.

The October edition of the union magazine "Imtakt" has the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package as its main topic ([http://www.evg-online.org/Home2013/13\\_09\\_26\\_imtakt\\_teaser/](http://www.evg-online.org/Home2013/13_09_26_imtakt_teaser/))

A video has been produced by EVG to explain to workers and the public what's the 4th Railway Package about. ([http://www.evg-online.org/protest/13\\_09\\_27\\_Film/](http://www.evg-online.org/protest/13_09_27_Film/))

Examples of specific actions:

- Duisburg: a cube in the shape of the 4th Railway Package will be installed in the station and messages with the position of the union will be attached to it;
- Kassel: A play on the 4th Railway Package will be put in place where someone will act with a mask representing Commissioner Kallas
- Mannheim and Stuttgart: infodesk distributing material to the public will be put in place

Actions are organized by EVG in Berlin, Bremen, Cottbus, Dortmund, Dresden, Duisburg, Dusseldorf, Erfurt, Frankfurt, Halle, Hamburg, Hamm, Hannover, Karlruhe, Kassel, Kiel, Koln, Leipzig, Magdeburg, Mainz, Mannheim, Osnabruck, Potsdam, Saarbrucken, Stuttgart.





## HUNGARY

Distribution of leaflets and email bombing to MEPs are planned.



## ITALY

The three unions FILT-CGIL, FIT-CISL and UILTRASPORTI translated the material that will be distributed

to workers and passengers in Roma Termini and in the major railway stations;

All regional structures of the unions have started the process of establishing contact with employers for sending by e-mail the post cards to Italian members at EU Parliament and Italian Minister of transport.

Passengers association will be involved as well. Press releases and press conferences will provide wider information to Italian citizens, whether or not they use the trains.

Meetings with workers and widespread information through translated material about the consequences of 4th rail package will be undertaken at work places all over Italy.

Banners and information about the campaign are on the home page on all national and regional trade unions web sites.

A letter to motivate and mobilise for the campaign was sent to a wide number of trade unionists with all the translated materials useful for local actions.

Political lobbying will be done through mail bombing of the postcard addressed to Italian Ministry of Infrastructure-Transport and Italian EP members.

A list of signatures collected among rail workers will accompany the postcards to raise politicians' awareness on their decision and vote about EU policies on rail public transport.



## LUXEMBOURG

On 8 October a public conference on the 4th Railway Package is organized in the union FNCTTFEL

headquarters,

A special edition of the FNCTTFEL paper "Le Signal" was published with 2 pages dedicated to the action day of the 9th of October

A flyer in German and French will be distributed in the early morning of the 9th of October to the public in the main railway station in Luxembourg



## POLAND

Joint press conference of all unions in Poland will be organised.

A protest letter will be sent to the Polish Prime Minister. Regular information of union members is assured through the newsletters and meetings are scheduled with influential politicians to speak about the 4th Railway Package.



## SPAIN

FSC-CC.OO. and TCM-UGT jointly called for action on 9 October. A letter to explain the ETF position

was sent to Spanish MEPs. Newsletter with news about the 4th Railway Package and the actions was sent to the union members. Flyers are distributed to citizens and posters of the action were put up.



## SWITZERLAND

Letters were sent to MEPs (rapporteurs and shadows) to explain Swiss view and protest against the 4<sup>th</sup> Railway Package. This action will be announced in a press release.



## UNITED KINGDOM

Distribution of material and demonstration are planned outside the European Commission offices

in London, Edinburgh and Cardiff.

Members of the unions will be invited to contact the British MEPs on the 4th Railway Package.

Actions across Britain are planned in conjunction with the campaign "Action for Rail" which brings together TUC, RMT, ASLEF, TSSA and Unite.

**We call all unions affiliated to the ETF Railway Section to massively mobilise their members for the Action Day of the 9<sup>th</sup> of October!**

**This is the first moment of a campaign that is crucial for the future of our sector and our jobs and that will require our commitment for the next months!**

**We strongly invite all unions that will take actions and initiatives on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October to send to the ETF reports and pictures in order to have a comprehensive overview of what happened in Europe and for our internal follow-up.**

