

# Education International Update to Bologna Follow-up Group meeting in Riga, 26-27 January 2015

The ETUCE (European Trade Union Committee for Education), the regional body of Education International, at its Special Conference held in Vienna, 26 – 27 November 2014, adopted two new policy papers related to Higher Education and Research in Europe.

Held every four years, the ETUCE Special Conference is a governing body of the ETUCE. It is held two years after each ordinary Conference to consider and decide on matters related to ETUCE policies on education and employment.

In the first Policy Paper on Early Stage Researchers /Doctoral Candidates ETUCE addresses and tackles the most urgent problems facing early stage researchers/doctoral candidates and makes recommendations to overcome them. In particular, we argue for their status of young researchers and not students, while recognising the fact that they are enrolled in education.

In the second Policy Paper on Quality Assurance in Higher Education ETUCE revisits concepts of quality assurance and sets principles which should guide policies of quality assurance in higher education. The basic principle of this document is that quality education is created in the classrooms in an interaction between qualified educators and engaged students during the education process.

Both policy papers are the result of the work of Education International Higher Education and Research Standing Committee during the last years.

We attach both policy papers for your information.

With the best regards,

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