

The representatives from the Trade Unions of Education from the Balkan countries, on the working meeting held on the 26th of May 2012 in the city of Ohrid, the Republic of Macedonia have adopted the following

AGREEMENT

for mutual cooperation between the Trade Unions of Education from the Balkan countries

1. The Trade Unions of Education, as participants in the first meeting have reached an agreement to establish a longer mutual cooperation, in order to improve mutual solidarity, which shall furthermore provide joint benefit to all Unions, signatories of the Agreement itself.
2. The mutual cooperation will be realized solely in accordance to the Education International Constitution, as well as the constitutions (statutes) of the participating unions.
3. Cooperation, in particular, shall be consistent in continuous exchange of information regarding important activities of each fraternal union, particularly dealing with issues and problems that are essential to the individual union.
4. The Trade Unions of Education, signatories of the Agreement, shall continuously master the cohesion of the unions, through direct meetings at all levels such as contacts between the trade union organizations, authorities at local level as well as highest authorities at the national level.
5. The signatories of the Agreement are abiding by the agreement itself in order to perform coordination and harmonization of their official positions in front of the European Trade Union Committee of Education (ETUCE) and the Education International (EI), on each important matter of common interest.
6. The Signatories of the Agreement, upon the request of any fraternal union, signatory of the Agreement, shall provide full support or necessary assistance in case of performing radical means of legitimate trade union activities, such as organization of protests or strikes.

The support and assistance shall consist of sending letters of support, and protest letters to the authorities in the country of the fraternal union. In extreme cases of pressure by local or state authorities, and upon previous accordance with the fraternal union, the signatories of the Agreement shall request admission to the diplomatic missions of the country in which these conditions occur so as to protest and request for immediate overcoming of these conditions.

7. In cases where certain fraternal union shall be in the situation to organize a strike, other unions, signatories of the Agreement, shall immediately consider and agree on additional measures that shall be taken mutually as a support and help.
8. The signatories of the Agreement, shall base the mutual cooperation upon the principles of trade union solidarity, mutual and absolute respect.
9. The implementation of the Agreement is guaranteed by the most responsible representatives of the trade unions that have signed the Agreement.
10. To this Agreement, any other Trade union of Education from the Balkan countries may join, that have not been present at the first meeting, but shall accept and sign the conditions of the Agreement itself.

Signatories:

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