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Monday 22 May, Barcelona

Delegates arrive in Barcelona ahead of 'most participatory' ETF congress ever

"This is our chance to set the agenda and promote the power of European transport workers!"

That's from one participant eagerly awaiting the kick off of the 5th ordinary congress of the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF), the European body of the International Transport Worker' Federation (ITF).

The official congress, under the slogan, "Fair transport for Europe – social justice, solidarity, unity" will run from 24 to 26 May. More than 500 participants from 41 countries will meet for the event in Barcelona. Ahead of congress, ETF young transport workers are meeting on Monday. Following this a conference dedicated to the promotion and development of women in transport workplaces and transport trade unions will be held on Tuesday.

ETF General Secretary, **Eduardo Chagas** said: *"By taking the time to focus on the challenges and opportunities being experienced by women and young transport workers ahead of our congress we'll be able to take those fresh into the congress discussions. Women and youth must be at the centre of our organising efforts, development of policies on sustainable transport and our campaigns. We're committed to that."*

"We want this to be our most participatory congress ever. Without the input of transport unions and their young workers and women workers that's just not possible."

You can follow the conference live online via [#ETF2017](#) and the ETF 2017 Congress website www.ETF-2017Congress.org

Members of the press are invited to attend a press conference on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at **Hotel CROWNE PLAZA – FIRA CENTER, Av. De Rius y Taulet 1, 08004 Barcelona, Spain**. This will cover:

- 11.00-11.45 ETF congress
- 11.45-12.30 adoption of the Royal Decree to 'reform' Spanish port labour (see <http://www.itfglobal.org/en/news-events/press-releases/2017/may/spanish-ports-decision-a-betrayal-of-spains-dockworkers>)

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The ETF represents more than 3.5 million transport workers from more than 230 transport unions and 41 European countries, in the following sectors: railways, road transport and logistics, maritime transport, inland waterways, civil aviation, ports & docks, tourism and fisheries.