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ETF and UETR bring workers, companies, policymakers and enforcers together to discuss subcontracting in road transport in the European Parliament

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Today, ETF and UETR are organising an event, hosted by Swedish S&D MEP Johan Danielsson, to discuss joint solutions to fix subcontracting in the road transport sector. The event, taking place at the European Parliament in Brussels, will bring together trade unions, employers, enforcement authorities and policymakers, including Executive Vice-President and European Commissioner for Social Rights and Skills, Quality Jobs and Preparedness Roxana Mînzatu.

The event comes at a crucial moment, following the European Parliament's adoption in February of Johan Danielsson's [report](#) on subcontracting, the European Commission's recent publication of the "[Fair Labour Mobility Package](#)" and ahead of the "Quality Jobs Act" proposal (end of the year / beginning of next year). The participation of the Executive Vice-President Mînzatu is particularly important. As the Commissioner responsible for quality jobs, skills and fair labour mobility, she will play a central role in shaping the upcoming Quality Jobs Act, with major implications for a socially and economically sustainable road transport sector.

Following their [joint letter](#) to Members of the European Parliament sent earlier this year, the ETF General Secretary Livia Spera and UETR President Alexis Gibergues will highlight the common ground of workers and companies for a road transport market based on fairness, transparency and compliance with the rules. The discussion will also feature contributions from Ambassador Cosmin Boianiu, Executive Director of the European Labour Authority (ELA).

ETF and UETR have jointly called for an EU framework to tackle abuses in subcontracting and labour intermediation, including the introduction of limitations on contracting and subcontracting (as several Member States already apply), greater transparency, joint and several liability throughout the chain and stronger enforcement by national authorities and ELA.

For ETF and UETR, the objective is clear: a road transport sector based on decent working conditions, quality jobs and fair competition. Today's discussion offers an opportunity to exchange views on how European policies can better support workers and responsible operators alike while ensuring a level playing field across the sector.

Event details

- *Subcontracting in the road transport sector, 29 September 2026 | 18:00-20:00, European Parliament (Multifunctional Area 00G), Brussels.*
 - *Please note: Registration for the event is now closed. However, individuals holding a valid European Parliament access badge may still attend.*
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About ETF

The European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) is a pan-European trade union organisation which embraces transport trade unions from the European Union, the European Economic Area and Central and Eastern European countries. Today, the ETF represents more than 5 million transport workers from more than 200 transport unions and 38 European countries. These workers are found in all parts of the transport industry, on land, sea and in the air. We cover workers in the following sectors: Civil aviation, Fisheries, Inland waterways, Logistics, Maritime transport, Ports and docks, Railways, Road transport, Tourism, Urban public transport. We also have specific structures to represent women and young transport workers. For more information visit www.etf-europe.org.

About UETR

UETR is the European umbrella organization representing and defending the interests of more than 70.000 road transport undertakings (mostly Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) with a total capacity of more than 430.000 commercial vehicles. Within the Union, 95% of the road haulage companies are micro-enterprises with less than 10 employees (small firms or one-man operations). For more information visit www.uetr.eu.