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EUROPEAN FEDERATION OF FOOD, AGRICULTURE AND TOURISM TRADE UNIONS

## NEWS FROM EFFAT

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### **The climate change can only be reduced by concrete projects in the enterprises The climate is changing. How about the workers?**

**The European Federation of Food, Agriculture and Tourism Trade Union (EFFAT) analysed, at its Climate Change Conference on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2009, the impact of climate change on the sectors agriculture, food production and tourism, and discussed actions to be undertaken by trade unions to mitigate negative consequences of climate change on employment in these sectors.**

The EFFAT conference held at the European Economic and Social Committee premises gathered 100 participants from trade unions, European institutions, international organisations, employers' associations and institutes.

Discussions showed that there is a clear need to:

- Ensure information, consultation and participation of trade unions in decision making on mitigation and adaptation measures, as the involvement of workers is essential to the sustainability of climate change policies affecting both production and consumption;
- Ensure transitional programmes for laid-off workers, including advice and training measures and financial assistance;-
- Create a fund to address the problem of adaptation, managed and financed mainly by public authorities; use of the CAP to support adaptation of agriculture workers to climate change;
- Negotiate climate protection instruments and projects in the social dialogue and at enterprise level;

Based on the discussions, EFFAT will elaborate a position paper on how to fight climate change and save jobs in agriculture, food production and tourism which shall be presented at the UNFCCC Conference in Copenhagen in December 2009.

All materials, presentations will be found at: [www.fffat.be/ccf](http://www.fffat.be/ccf)

#### **Note to Editors:**

EFFAT represents the interests of more than 2.6 million members, affiliated to 118 national trade unions in 38 European countries in agriculture, food production and tourism.

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