

**6th UNI Europa Post & Logistics Conference -
“Connecting People to Defend the Future of the Postal
Service”**



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ATT KOPPLA SAMMAN MÄNNISKOR FÖR ATT FÖRSVARA FRAMTIDENS POSTTJÄNST
SE CONNECTER POUR DÉFENDRE L'AVENIR DU SERVICE POSTAL
CONNECTING PEOPLE TO DEFEND THE FUTURE OF THE POSTAL SERVICE



WIR VERBINDEN MENSCHEN, UM DIE ZUKUNFT DER POST ZU VERTEIDIGEN
CONNETTIAMO LE PERSONE PER DIFENDERE IL FUTURO DEL SERVIZIO DELLE POSTE

UNI Europa Post & Logistics affiliated trade unions gathered in Dublin, Ireland from 14-16 November 2022 for the 6th UNI Europa Post & Logistics Conference under the slogan: “Connecting People to Defend the Future of the Postal Service”.

The Conference was hosted by CWU. CWU General Secretary Seán McDonagh opened Conference followed by Alke Boessiger, UNI Global Union Deputy General Secretary. Jens Saverstam from SEKO and re-elected UNI Europa Post & Logistics President chaired and started Conference proceedings following his opening speech. Conference gathered more than 26 trade unions from 19 countries in the European region. The Conference was hybrid enabling remote participation. Overall, 58 % of delegates were women and 42 % were men.

On Day 1, participants followed the moderated panel: “How to ensure quality postal services and quality postal work through strong regulation and legislation?” The panel was moderated by Cornelia Berger, UNI Global Union Head of Department. Participants heard interventions and followed presentations from Merete Clausen, Acting Head of Unit, European Commission, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, Unit C3 –Investment conditions and public services; Petros Galides, European Regulators Group for Postal Services, ERGP Chair; Botond Szebeny, PostEurop Secretary General; David McRedmond, An Post CEO; and Dimitris Theodorakis, UNI Europa Director for Post & Logistics. Following the high-level panel on postal regulation, Conference endorsed the launched [Save Our Post!](#) European Campaign.

On Day 2, under the theme Forward through Collective Bargaining: Future of Work - Build on the existing USO to reflect parcel growth and Include Social and Environmental Standards in Minimum Standards, participants followed presentations by Jim Sauber from NALC; Sune Blomkvist and Sandra Svensk from SEKO; and Stephan Teuscher from ver.di. Under the theme Forward through Collective Bargaining: Multinational Companies - Include Social and Environmental Standards in Minimum Standards, participants followed the interventions from Noel Coard, Section Secretary, International Transport Workers’ Federation; Nick Rudikoff, UNI Global Union, Campaigns Director on Amazon in the postal sector, and the engaged Amazon Campaign; Mario Petitto from SLP-CISL; and Mariska Exalto from FNV.

Following the presentation on due diligence from Loïc Verreman at UNI Global Union, participants followed the moderated panel by Cathrine Ertsås, FAGFORBUNDET on Due Diligence. Participants heard interventions and followed presentations from Régis Cruchant, CGT FAPT; Dieter Pleyer, ver.di, DPDHL European Works Council Chair; Diarmuid o’Connell, CWU; and José Oliveira, SNTCT. Participants then heard from Des Travers, CEO DPD Ireland on new technologies and climate change in the industry.

Oliver Roethig, UNI Europa Regional Secretary, opened Day 3 of Conference. Conference then heard from Dave Ward, CWU General Secretary. Under the theme Our Vision for the future of Post – Postal diversification, new technologies and climate change, participants heard interventions by Heidi Nieminen from PAU on postal diversification; Daniel Munger from Syndicom, on climate change; Irena Liepina from LSAB PRO on training and new technologies; and by Stephane Chevet from F3C CFDT, on our future vision for Post. Conference had the honour to express their solidarity to the Ukrainian postal trade union as they managed to join us online and explain their situation.

Conference proceeded to elect the following positions as well as the UNI Europa Post & Logistics Steering Group:

President – Jens Saverstam, SEKO

Vice-President – Irena Liepina, LSAB-PRO

European Social Dialogue Committee Spokesperson – José Oliveira, SNTCT

Woman Representative – Gemma Aizpurua Peña, FSC-CCOO Postal

2nd Woman Representative – Cathrine Ertsås, FAGFORBUNDET

Conference then proceeded in adopting the Strategic Plan for the next Conference period, the Motion on the Green New Deal for Post, two Motions related to Parcel Regulation, as well as a statutory Motion on Areas Representation.

Conference also adopted solidarity statements for the CWU in the United Kingdom in the ongoing industrial action in Royal Mail, for the Spanish postal trade unions related to their national campaign in Correos, the Turkish Haber-Sen in their struggle with PTT, and the solidarity statement condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Conference meeting documents and adopted resolutions can be accessed here:

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