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Green Jobs Creation. How industrial relations are redefined and how to raise awareness about the impact of environmental issues. The Labor and Employment agenda has changed

Dear All,

As a result of the crisis, new changes in production have been made, promoting green employment and a sustainable economy. Developing a sustainable economic model or promoting green jobs is a new trend in international labor law (workplace - environment – global jobs).

On June 6, 2022 ILO welcomed G7 call to make a just transition to a green economy happen. At the end of their meeting the G7 Labor Ministers highlighted the urgent need to greater focus on rights and occupational safety and health. The celebration of World Environment Day on June 5 provided the perfect opportunity to voice the growing concern about the environmental impact of industrial relations.

Green jobs in a sustainable economy are intended to keep track of the evolution of environmental practices and initiatives that have traditionally created new jobs in

Spain in particular, and Europe as a whole. Green employment also addresses the different opportunities that the current social and economic landscape offers for the further development of these jobs as well as other emerging positions as a result of the new models of sustainable production and consumption. Rather than simply applying variables from other developed countries, Spain has pioneered a dynamic synergy between employment and the environment, in the field of renewable energy, for example. This trend is increasingly replicated by other countries in the region.



The EU Strategy for Sustainable Development (EU-SDS, 2006) has already stressed the importance of a prosperous, innovative, knowledge-based, competitive and **ecologically efficient economy that offers high standards of living, and full and quality employment for the whole European Union.** The EU 2020 Strategy, which sets the tone for a new economy, concludes that "**our exit from the crisis must be the point of entry into a new sustainable social market economy, a smarter, greener economy, where our prosperity will come from innovation and from using resources better, where the key input will be knowledge...** a knowledge-based, connected, greener and more inclusive economy, growing fast and sustainably, creating high levels of employment and social progress."

At the European and international levels, special attention has been paid to the reports on the development of environmental markets in Europe and the region (e.g. Germany, Sweden, France) as well as to the work carried out by the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) within the framework of the joint Green Jobs initiative launched by the International Labor Organization (ILO), the International Organization of Employers (OIE) and the International Trade Union Confederation (ITUC).

In addition to the strong possibility of creating **new jobs** in sectors traditionally related to environmental protection, such as **water treatment and management,**

waste management, environmental services, protected natural areas and biodiversity, sustainable forest management, rural tourism or environmental education and training, now other emerging sectors are coming into their own, driven by the implementation of environmental policies and sustainability strategies at different levels, scales and sectors. This will all help keep a lot of existing jobs, improve their quality and create new jobs. It will have a positive impact on various activities. It is a golden opportunity that cannot be missed.

- WATER TREATMENT AND PURIFICATION
- WASTE MANAGEMENT AND TREATMENT
- RENEWABLE ENERGY
- FOREST MANAGEMENT
- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES FOR COMPANIES AND INSTITUTIONS
- ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND INFORMATION
- INTERNAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACTIVITIES FOR INDUSTRY AND SERVICES
- PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT IN ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS
- NATURAL AREAS MANAGEMENT
- ECOLOGICAL AGRICULTURE AND LIVESTOCK
- EMERGING SECTORS AND ACTIVITIES WITH POTENTIAL FOR TRANSFORMATION INTO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES

GENEVA (ILO News) – The International Labor Organization (ILO) has welcomed the G7 Labor and Employment Ministers commitment to take concrete action in support of a just transition and **the creation of decent work for a green economy, as outlined in the Ministerial Declaration issued at the end of their meeting in Wolfsburg, Germany.**

The Declaration, issued on 24 May, reflects the focus of the German G7 Presidency on operationalizing the objective of a just transition to carbon neutrality through three main channels:

- investing in skills for green jobs, in particular for low-skilled adults;
- extending social protection to protect incomes and facilitate transitions;
- and improved occupational safety and health (OSH) to cover new risks linked to climate change and the policies implemented to mitigate it.

1. The Ministers agreed on a Roadmap towards Safe and Healthy Work in a Green Economy and acknowledged the important contribution of the Vision Zero Fund in addressing **the impact of climate change on workers' safety and health, including through a pilot project addressing climate change and OSH in global supply chains.**
2. Another positive outcome of the meeting was the Ministers' commitment to work towards an international consensus on business and human rights that would strengthen compliance with the standards outlined in the ILO Tripartite Declaration of Principles concerning Multinational Enterprises and Social Policy (MNE Declaration).
3. The ILO also welcomed the G7 Labor Ministers support for the UN Secretary-General's initiative for a "Global Accelerator on Jobs and Social Protection for a Just Transition ", to create 400 million jobs and extend social protection coverage to the four billion people who are currently not covered by any measure, a proposal that was also supported by the G7 Development Ministers at their recent meeting.
4. The ILO highlighted the Ministers' strong support for adding safety and health at work to the existing ILO fundamental principles and rights at work, a move that is to be considered by the ILO's Member States at the International Labor Conference, opening later this month.
5. The Ministers also agreed to establish a standing Employment Working Group, to promote continuity and prioritize coordinated action across the G7 on critical labor, social and employment issues.
6. "Now, more than ever, an integrated and coordinated response is necessary. One that prioritizes OSH in the context of a Just Transition – and one that ensures a shift towards resilient and sustainable economies that also contributes to the goals of decent work for all and protects workers from disease, ill-health, injury or death at work," said ILO Director-General, Guy Ryder.
7. "By elevating OSH to a fundamental right, the International Labor Conference would express its determination that health and safety at the workplace offers significant human and economic benefits, supports inclusive economic growth, and is crucial to a human-centered recovery and the future of work," he added. https://www.ilo.org/global/about-the-ilo/newsroom/news/WCMS_846332/lang--en/index.htm

- POLLUTION CONTROL and MANAGEMENT, production of specific equipment, technologies and materials, provision of services, construction and installation;

- Air Pollution Control
- Waste water treatment
- Solid waste treatment
- Cleaning up of soils, groundwater and surface water
- Noise abatement
- Environmental Assessment, Environmental Engineering
- Analytical services, data collection, analysis and evaluation.
- Education and training
- CLEANER TECHNOLOGIES and PRODUCTS, production of specific equipment, technologies and materials, and provision of services
- Cleaner and more efficient technologies and processes. Cleaner and more efficient products
- RESOURCE MANAGEMENT: Production of specific equipment, technologies and materials and provision of services:

1. Water supply
2. Recycling
3. Renewable energy
4. Energy saving and management
5. Sustainable agriculture and fisheries
6. Natural risk management
7. Ecotourism

Source: OECD, 2004

In order for this to happen, the current economic conditions, and the present and future regulatory framework (strategies, directives, laws and other rules and regulations) should become the driving force for changing the model for economic growth towards a more sustainable model with the creation of green jobs. International Conventions, Sustainable Development Strategies, Environmental Policies, Global Planning, the “Green Jobs” trend: Decent work is only possible in a low-carbon sustainable world. According to ILO estimates, given the rising interest in energy alternatives, future years may well see worldwide employment soar – possibly as high as 20.4 million jobs in renewable energy by 2030: 12 million in biofuels-related agriculture and industry (59%), 6.3 million in solar PVs (31%) and

2.1 million jobs in wind energy (10%). The future of work is now so let's take action and create green jobs that can change the world.

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