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The impact of technological advances on the labour market.
Can we achieve decent life for workers in the digital age?

This seminar, organised by the Lithuanian Labour Federation, member organisation of Eurofedop, was attended by an important delegation of Eurofedop, composed of (left to right) Edin Adrović (SDZNS, Slovenia), Ylli Ballta (AL.SPSS, Albania), Manfred Wiedner (FCG-Post, Austria), Rolf Weber (Krifa, Denmark) and Johan Traets (BVPP, the Netherlands).

The central theme of the seminar was the way in which technological innovation will have an impact on the life, labour conditions and labour rights of workers and how trade unions will have to act to manage change in today’s ‘digital world’.

Social dialogue remains an important issue and trade unions ask from management that they respect the rights of workers and give them the opportunity to develop themselves so that they become stronger and better skilled to exercise their profession. Lifelong learning has to be anchored in all companies.

Youth unemployment remains a big concern in the EU. Answers have to be found to the question of how this can be solved and how we can improve their quality of life.

We as trade union workers have to get into contact with our members, speak with them and listen to them. This will assure them that it is good to be a trade union member and convince others to join the trade union.

When we start the discussion when the glass is half filled, we gain the respect from our social dialogue partners and become more successful in our negotiations.