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# Pan-European Structure

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Dear Colleague

Please find attached a Consultation Paper for member organisations on options for the future of the EI Pan European Structure and the ETUCE.

In 2003 the ETUCE was incorporated into the EI European Regional Structure as an autonomous organisation within what became designated as the "EI Pan European Structure". Prior to that, each organisation operated separately and meetings of their governing bodies were held consecutively. Since 2003, the two organisations have held joint meetings of their governing bodies.

A commitment was given to the inaugural conference in 2003 to review the operation of the new structure at the end of its first full term. This commitment was given added impetus by concerns about the inadequate coordination in the planning and implementation of activities between the two organisations.

A special Review Committee was established by the Pan European Committee/ETUCE Executive Board on the instructions of the last Pan European Conference/General Assembly held in December 2006. This special committee has now met on six occasions and has decided to present the attached paper to member organisations for their views.

You are invited to comment on the issues raised in the paper and, in particular, to choose one of the options set out in Section C as your preferred option for the future of the structure. Each option is presented only in outline and will require further elaboration once the consultation has been concluded.

Please submit your observations to reach the ETUCE secretariat ([secretariat@csee-etuice.org](mailto:secretariat@csee-etuice.org)) by 25 January 2008 at the latest, copying your message to myself ([rsmith@eis.org.uk](mailto:rsmith@eis.org.uk)). The Review Committee will then consider all the submissions with a view to bringing concrete proposals to the next meeting of the Committee/Executive Board in April. Decisions on any changes to the structures and Statutes/By-Laws will be taken at an extraordinary Pan European Conference/General Assembly to be held in June 2008.



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