

Dear Sir or Madam,  
dear colleagues,

We would like to invite you to attend our **11<sup>th</sup> International Conference** to discuss "**Crisis and Employment – European Examples**", which will take place on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of April 2010 in Plzeň, Czech Republic. The Conference is organised by the Otto Brenner Foundation in cooperation with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Hans Böckler Foundation and the European Trade Union Institute.

European integration is always a question of social integration, while the profound crisis of the financial markets and the global economy presents new challenges to governments and trade unions.


In light of this, we must begin now to consider **trade union positions and policies for the post-crisis global economy**. For those in employment, better instruments for regulating and democratising the economy need to be examined and put to the test.

In an opening panel on **state and union approaches to overcoming the economic crisis in Europe**, representatives of different national metalworkers' unions will explore paths out of crisis. A visit to the Škoda plant and a dinner at the historic brewery complete the programme for the first day.

On the second day of the conference national politicians will address **government responses to the crisis** and answer questions. The Conference concludes by sounding out the possibilities of **transnational cooperation to protect employment in Europe**, bringing in the **workplace experience** of members of the works councils of Bosch, ArcelorMittal and General Motors.

We are looking forward to a productive conference and lively discussions, and hope you will be able to attend. Please complete the online registration form by the 26<sup>th</sup> of February at the latest on our website [www.otto-brenner-stiftung.de](http://www.otto-brenner-stiftung.de).

Yours sincerely,

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