

IF Metall's demands in the European Parliament elections



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An EU for us

The EU needs to strengthen its social and trade union-related rights and freedoms. Our right to a fair wage and our control of our collective agreements must be protected by the EU, just as the rights of companies are protected. The European Constitution needs to better protect our right to sign collective agreements for both Swedish and expatriate workers, the right to continuing professional development and the right to a pension you can live on. We industrial workers should not have to compete with each other with low wages and poor working conditions.

Nobody should die because of their job

Every year, close to 4,000 workers lose their lives while working in Europe. Through EU cooperation, common regulations and laws can ensure that we improve the working environment for industrial workers in Sweden and across Europe. We need politicians who stand up to employers who want to increase profits at the expense of the working environment and workplace safety. Companies within the industrial sector should not have to compete with each other through deficiencies and savings in the working environment.

A democratic Europe

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