

Steel workers across Europe call on EU policy makers, national governments, and steel companies to take urgent action to safeguard the sector and protect jobs!

# European Action Day

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The COVID-19 pandemic has further deepened the crisis facing the European steel sector:

-  Steel production in Europe (EU) has **reduced by 40%** and new orders have been **cut by 70-75%**.
-  It is estimated that at least **45% of the workforce** are subjected to **temporary layoffs** and **reduced working**.
-  There are genuine fears that around **50% of steelmaking capacity could be lost** by the end of this pandemic.
-  While Europe has been suffering, **China managed to increase their production by 1,3%** in the first quarter of 2020.

Today, steel workers and their unions across Europe are fighting:

-  **For sustainable steel jobs** in the European steel industry
-  **Against unfair trade**
-  **For fair international competition**
-  **For stimulus packages at Member State and EU level** to kick-start industrial production
-  **For greener steel, made in Europe**
-  **For a new European steel action plan** that guarantees a sustainable future for European steel and its workers.

**Steel is central to Europe's recovery post COVID-19 and it must be safeguarded!**

**European Trade Unions stand united in our fight for European steel and its workers.**