

Luca Visentini

Born in Udine, Italy, 1969

Luca Visentini was re-elected for a second term as ETUC General Secretary at the 14th Congress in Vienna in 2019, having already served four years as General Secretary, and before that four years as ETUC Confederal Secretary.

As General Secretary, Luca is responsible for guiding and coordinating ETUC policy. This includes high-level meetings with EU and national leaders, institutions and social partner organisations, representing the Confederation in international and European fora and affiliates' initiatives, coordinating the relationship with affiliates, supervising the budget and human resources, and keeping ETUC staff involved in European policy developments affecting trade unions.

Luca has taken part in negotiations at EU level on the European Pillar of Social Rights, the future of Europe, relaunching European social dialogue, public investment, economic governance and many other issues of importance to European workers.

Luca Visentini has been active in the trade union movement since 1989, with experience and involvement in collective bargaining at confederation, national and sectoral level. He has been taking part in ETUC activities since 1997, and before that contributed to UIL's work as General Secretary in one of the 20 Italian regions and as a member of the UIL steering and executive committees.

Work experience

October 2015 –

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), General Secretary

2011-2015

European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Confederal Secretary

Responsibilities included:

- Collective bargaining and wage policy;
- Migration and mobility;
- Education and training;
- EU budget, structural funds, economic and social cohesion, regional policy;
- IRTUCs and EURES Network

Member and workers' group coordinator of:

European Social Fund Committee; Structured Dialogue for the European Structural and Investment Funds; Advisory Committee for Free Movement of Workers; Directors General Committee for Vocational Education and Training; Advisory Committee for Vocational Education and Training; Integration Forum for Migrants

1996-2011

UIL Friuli Venezia Giulia – General Secretary; General Secretary of the UIL Confederal Chamber of Labour of Trieste, and a member of the Steering and Executive Committees of UIL.

2007-2011

ETUC Coordination Committee of the Inter-Regional Trade Union Councils (IRTUCs) – Vice President, and member of the ETUC Economic and Employment Committee.

1997-2011

IRTUC between Friuli Venezia Giulia, Veneto and Croatia – President, and member of the ETUC IRTUCs Coordination Committee.

1989-1996

UILTUCS [UIL Federation for Tourism, Trade and Services] for Friuli Venezia Giulia,
General Secretary

1989

Joined UIL, initially responsible for UIL Youth.

Other experience

Since the early 2000s, Luca Visentini has led or been active in a number of Italian institutions in the fields of historic, economic and social studies; vocational education and training; research, science and technology, including Elettra Sincrotrone international technology research centre and the ENFAP professional training body in Friuli Venezia Giulia.

Education

University of Trieste, studied Philosophy

High School Diploma in classical studies.

Languages

Italian: mother tongue

English: fluent

Spanish: basic

Personal interests

Poetry and creative writing. Published four books of poetry and novels, between 2004 and 2012.

Founder and chairperson of **cultural associations and networks** active in the fields of literature and theatre, which organise events, shows, plays, conferences, fairs etc.