



# NEWSLETTER

## International Dockworkers Council

*"All wealth is the product of labor" John Locke*



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### [IDC THE IDC EUROPEAN ZONE MET IN PARIS TO OPEN THE DEBATE ON AUTOMATION](#)

The IDC European Zone organised yesterday 27 January a meeting to open the debate on automation at the CGT headquarters in Paris. The meeting aimed at initiating an internal discussion within the IDC on one of the major challenges that dockworkers are currently facing in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia: automation and technological change.

### [PortStrategy Confusion after MEPs halt progress of ports regulation](#)

Reports of 'chaos and confusion' have emerged in Brussels after a crucial vote by MEPs halted the progress of the controversial Port Services Regulation in its tracks



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### [IDC THE IDC STARTS TAKING ACTION AT THE LABOR SITUATION AT THE PORT OF SINES](#)

On 13 and 14 January members of the IDC European zone travelled to Sines to attend various events organized by the IDCE and SETC around the labor situation at the port of Sines. An IDCE Working Group meeting was organized on Wednesday and labor conference on port labor and a demonstration outside the offices of PSA-LaborSines the next day.

### [IlaUnion Attack on Public Sector Unions Is an Attack on Organized Labor](#)

With the Supreme Court about to hear oral arguments next Monday, January 11, 2016, in a case (Friedrichs v. California Teachers Association) which asks them to overrule a 1977 decision and hold that public employees who don't want to join the union that represents them also can't be required to pay a fee to cover the costs that the union incurs in collective bargaining, organized labor faces a daunting challenge.



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### [IDC BILATERAL MEETING BETWEEN IDC AND FEPORT](#)

Representatives from IDC and FEPORT have met in Paris on January 26th, 2016 to exchange about a number of issues of common interest. The talks allowed both parties to identify areas of possible future cooperation in light of evolutions impacting port operations.

### [MUA Crew Members Forcibly Removed from MV Portland in Disgraceful Act by Alcoa](#)

Five crewmembers aboard Alcoa ship the MV Portland were woken at 1am this morning by up to 30 security guards, handed their passports and forcibly removed from the vessel.



### [EqualTimes ROTTERDAM DOCKERS](#)

**[IDC Video from the IDC-SETC meetings in Sines, check it out!](#)**

## **[STRIKE – A TEST CASE FOR EUROPE?](#)**

Hundreds of dockworkers who blocked and paralysed part of Rotterdam's container port for 24 hours last week could soon strike again unless an agreement is reached with employers over job cuts.

## **NEW AFFILIATES CORNER**



Our warmest welcome to the new IDC members ... The Crane Operators Union from the port of Koper (SZPD) with 429 members have joined the IDC. Our warmest welcome to the IDC to our Slovenian Brothers and Sisters!

*Con el patrocinio de:*



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