



European Cleaning and Facility Services Industry

## The European Social Partners in Industrial Cleaning adopt a Joint Statement on Digitalisation

Brussels, 29 October 2019 – The European social partners in Industrial Cleaning, the EFCI - European Cleaning and Facility Services Industry - and UNI Europa, adopted today a joint statement on the impact of digitalisation on employment in the sector.

The Social Partners acknowledge that a successfully-lead digitalisation transition may become an opportunity to enhance professionalism and innovation in the industry, to the benefit of all its actors. This needs a strong engagement from both employers and employees to ensure a smooth and successful digital transition for the sector so that it positively results in improvement of labour conditions, acquisition of the necessary skills or productivity, quality and safety gains.

Among others, the European Social Partners in Industrial Cleaning have jointly stated that:

*“A successfully-lead digitalisation transition may become an opportunity to enhance professionalism and innovation in the industry, to the benefit of all its actors. At the same time, it needs a strong engagement from both employers and employees to ensure a smooth and successful digital transition for the sector so that it positively results in improvement of labour conditions, acquisition of the necessary skills or productivity, quality and safety gains.”*

*“Social partners call upon the European Commission to support the development of a skills and training agenda for the cleaning industry including the validation and certification of the acquired skills.”*

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*EFCI's Executive Director (Isabel Yglesias) and UNI Europa Property Services' Director (Mark Bergfeld) signing the joint statement on digitalisation*



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## **Background**

### **The EFCI**

The EFCI is the voice of the European cleaning and facility services industry in Europe, bringing together associations representing the industry at national level. The cleaning and facility services sector is one of the major services industries in Europe, representing more than 270,000 companies employing nearly 4 million people. To know more, visit [EFCI's website](#) and consult [EFCI's political priorities](#).

### **The European Social Dialogue**

Since 1999, the EFCI and its counterpart the trade union UNI Europa, have formally engaged in the Industrial Cleaning Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee (SSDC).

The European social dialogue is a forum for discussions, negotiations and joint actions involving organisations representing the two sides of industry. It allows to foster understanding between social partners at a supranational level. It also allows social partners to work on projects promoting the overall interest and reinforcing the image of the sector.

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