



Collective bargaining round in metalworking trade concluded

In the night hours from 13 to 14 November 2007 the Metalworking-Textiles-Food Workers' Union (GMTN) reached an agreement with the employers in the metalworking trade sector on increases in wages and apprentices' remunerations, covering some 112.000 blue collar workers in the sector.

Results of the agreement in detail:

- Increase in collectively agreed minimum wages by 3,5 percent
- The new minimum wage thus amounts to 1.399,46€
- Increase in collectively agreed effective wages by 3,1 percent
- Additional 100 € one off payment
- Increase in apprentices' remunerations by 3,5 percent
- Increase in additional payments/allowances by 3,5 percent
- Increase in reimbursement allowances by 3,5 percent
- The new collective agreement will take effect from 1 January 2008

The social partners agreed to continue discussions on improvement of framework regulations of the collective agreement.

Meanwhile, all federal guilds and professional associations on the employers' side have already approved of the new agreement. The last to join in was the regional guild of heating, plumbing and air condition technicians of Vienna.

New pay scale as from 1 January 2008

Collectively agreed minimum wages in metalworking trade

Pay grades

Technician	13,98 €
1. Highly Qualified skilled worker	12,80 €
2. Qualified Skilled worker	11,43 €
3. Skilled worker	9,90 €
4. Good Qualified worker	9,27 €
5. Qualified worker	8,82 €
6. Worker with formal qualification	8,46 €
7. Worker without formal qualification	8,36 €