

# BUILDING WORKERS' POWER

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## UNIONS AT WORK

### WHAT IS YOUR MOST SIGNIFICANT WIN 2014 - 2018?

You and your affiliated unions have been on the frontlines of many struggles since we met in Berlin in 2014.

We want to document and share with all Congress delegations to the ITUC World Congress 2018 the most significant victories of trade unions during the period 2014 to 2018.

Can you describe the struggle and the outcome using the template we have prepared and provide a photo and quote from a union leader and trade union member? Send your most significant win to [congress@ituc-csi.org](mailto:congress@ituc-csi.org)

**Name of national trade union centre or union:**

TULL-KUST – The Swedish Union of Customs and Coast Guard Officers

**Country:**

Sweden

**Most significant union victory [Headline in 6 words]:**

**Description of the issue or dispute [200 words]:**

The TULL-KUST, organizing Customs and Coast Guard employees in Sweden, has conducted an intensive and targeted work, to highlight the problems and consequences of several years of underfinancing of Customs, by the Government and Parliament. The number of customs officers, has over time decreased to a critical point, with the result that the smuggling of drugs, illegal weapons and alcohol into the country has increased. The consequences are obvious: an insecure society and a heavy burden on the nation's police and social authorities.



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The work conducted by the TULL-KUST, hopefully leads to a better work environment and a better chance for our union members, to perform their important tasks on the borders. It has also resulted, so far, in the Customs role in society now being put on the political agenda and it has led to increased allocated resources. Even though the need for more customs officers still is high, it is a significant success for the TULL-KUST, that a beginning reconstruction of Customs has been made possible.

“To strengthen the Customs with more resources, makes the whole society less unsecure”.

**Detail of the campaign or strategy [100 words]:**

**Photo and quote from union leader [20 words]:**

**Photo and quote from member [20 words]:**