

En route to the 65th CSN Congress

The 65th Congress of the CSN will be taking place June 5 through 9, 2017. This is the confederation's largest body, with delegates from each of its 2,000 unions, 13 central councils and eight federations coming together to discuss and decide on the CSN's orientations for the three following years.

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If the Québec Government keeps to the Act respecting fixed-date elections, this next CSN term (2017–2020) will be punctuated by a provincial election on October 1, 2018.

In the past two years, CSN activists have taken to the streets or picketed outside their places of work on countless occasions to protest the Couillard government's austerity measures. Workers from public transportation systems, municipalities, daycare centres, schools, health and social services facilities as well as regional development agencies have seized every available opportunity to demand an end to these restrictive policies and renewed investment in our public services and social programs.

Our vision of development contrasts sharply with that of the QLP, a party seemingly hell-bent on weakening the State. By deconstructing the regions, it is curbing job creation, despite a campaign promise to do just the opposite. So, in the year after our 65th Congress, as we get set to elect the next provincial government, it will be up to us to define the kind of Québec we want and to find the ways to bring about change.



The process

The CSN has come up with nine demands based on five key objectives:

You will find these demands and their explanation in the consultation document.¹



Union executive committees are invited to review these demands with their members in the forum they deem most appropriate and, if they so desire, to propose others. Facilitation and consultation documents² are available to that end. Members can also answer a brief questionnaire³ on these demands. During the Congress, delegates will be called upon to vote on these proposals and to determine the means by which we can achieve the goals we have set.

1 <https://www.csn.qc.ca/en-route/documents>. (in French)

2 <https://www.csn.qc.ca/en-route/>. (in French)

3 <https://www.csn.qc.ca/en-route/questionnaire/>. (in French)