



**EPSU Conference:  
The future of European industrial relations in the public services**

3-4 December 2007, ITUH, Brussels

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Day 1: Monday 3 December 2007**

- 09.00                    *Registration*
- 09.30                    Opening remarks by **Chair, EPSU President Anne-Marie Perret**
- 09.45                    Prospects for the inter-sectoral social dialogue – future  
strategy following the 2007 ETUC Congress**  
Maria Helena Andre, ETUC Deputy General Secretary
- Questions and debate
- 10.30                    Collective bargaining in 2007 and beyond – ETUC survey  
and Congress perspectives**  
Maarten Keune, ETUI Researcher
- Questions and debate
- 11.00                    *Coffee Break*
- 11.20                    Social dialogue and collecting bargaining in the public  
services 2007**  
Presentation of the key developments by EPSU staff
- 13.00                    *Lunch*
- 14.30                    Responding to the ageing workforce – how collective  
bargaining and social dialogue can address the key issues –  
draft policy document**
- Discussion
- 15.30                    *Coffee Break*
- 15.50                    Sustainable development – an issue for social dialogue and  
collective bargaining? – an initial debate**
- Discussion
- 16.50                    *End of first day*

## Day 2: Tuesday 4 December 2007

- 09.30**                    **The future of European industrial relations in the public services – a panel discussion**  
*The public services are faced by a range of challenges – privatisation, “modernisation” and pressures on spending, European internal market, in some public services transnational companies – how do these affect social dialogue and collective bargaining what strategies should be adopted at European level to address these?*  
Speakers: Bart Samyn (Deputy General Secretary, European Metalworkers’ Federation), Professor Paul Marginson (University of Warwick) – *other speakers to be confirmed*
- 11.00*                    *Coffee break*
- 11.20**                    **Preparing for Congress 2009 – key issues in the future of industrial relations in the public services and a European trade union response – working group discussions**
- 12.30**                    **Report back from working groups**
- 13.00*                    *Lunch*
- 14.30**                    **Work programme for 2008, evaluation of policy since Stockholm 2004 and preparation for EPSU Congress 2009**  
  
Questions and discussion
- 16.00*                    *End of conference*