



Committee of the Regions



European Economic and Social Committee

"A EUROPEAN FRAMEWORK FOR HIGH-QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES"

19 April 2007

Jacques Delors Building, Room 62, Rue Belliard 101

DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 9.15 - Welcome** *Dimitris Dimitriadis*, President of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC)
- Michel Delebarre*, President of the Committee of the Regions (CoR)
- 9.30 - Keynote speech** *José Manuel Barroso*, President of the European Commission (tbc)
- Bernhard Rapkay*, MEP, rapporteur on the White Paper on Services of General Interest
- 10.15-10.30 Break
- 10.30 - Session A** **"Public services at the heart of the European Social Model: problems and challenges"**
- Moderation: *Jean-Paul Gauzès*, MEP, EPP-ED Group
- Panel *Joel Hasse Ferreira*, MEP, rapporteur on social services of general interest
- Jean-Louis Destans*, President of Conseil général de l'Eure, CoR rapporteur on Social Services of General Interest
- Rudolf Hundstorfer*, President, Österreichischer Gewerkschaftsbund (ÖGB)
- Jean-Claude Boual*, CELSIG (European Liaison Committee of Services of General Interest)
- Philippe de Buck*, Secretary General, BusinessEurope
- Arno Metzler*, EESC Member, rapporteur on the Service Directives
- Debate

11.45

Main findings

14.00 - Session B

"How to ensure high quality, universality, social cohesion, democratic control? What Europe should (or should not) do?"

Moderation: *Harlem Désir*, MEP, vice-chair of the PES-Group in the European Parliament

Panel

Raymond Hencks, EESC rapporteur on the White Paper on Services of General Interest

Carl Cederschiöld, CEEP (European Centre of Enterprises with Public Participation and of Enterprises of General Economic Interest) representative and Vice-President of the KFS (Swedish association for local enterprises)

John Monks, General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation

Prof. Dr. Rado Bohinc, former Minister, Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Ljubljana, CIRIEC (International Centre of Research and Information on the Public, Social and Cooperative Economy)

Mrs Roshan Di Puppò, Director of the European Social Platform

Stéphane Rodrigues, Professor, Sorbonne University, France

Debate

16.00

Main findings

16:15

Representative of the Portuguese Presidency: outlook on the follow-up on Services of General Interest under the Portuguese Presidency (tbc)

16:30

Conclusions by *Raymond Hencks*, EESC, and *Jean-Louis Destans*, CoR

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