



EPSU WORKSHOP
EQUALITY THROUGH QUALITY PUBLIC SERVICES:
TRADE UNION DEMANDS
13 February 2007, Brussels, ITUH

DRAFT AGENDA

- 9h30 **Using EU law: towards an integrated approach to equality?**
- Role of social partners and why public services are central to gender equality, *Jane Pillinger, equality expert*
- Introduction to the anti-racism directive and Framework employment directive banning discrimination on the grounds of disability, age, sexual orientation and religion: *Commission representative, Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Director for equal opportunities DG Employment, social affairs and equal opportunities (tbc)*
- Discussion*
- 10h30 Working groups on trade union strategies and social dialogue
- 1) Disability
- 2) Age
- 3) Ethnic origin/migrants
- 12h00 Working group reports
- 13h00 *Buffet lunch*
- 14h30 **Improving equal access to and equal treatment in public services: the limits of the EU internal market approach**
- Panel discussion*
- EPSU campaign for an EU directive on public services: EPSU General Secretary Carola Fischbach-Pyttel
- PSI GAPS and Pay Equity campaigns: PSI deputy general secretary Nora Wintour
- Member of European Parliament Harlem Désir (PES Vice-President, France)
- European Social platform
- European Commission
- 15.30 Working groups on equality aspects of the EPSU campaign for an EU directive on public services
- 1) Equality and diversity agreements/clauses/alliances in public services (agreements with employers, alliances with NGOs..)
- 2) Impact of quality public services on achieving equality
- 17h15 Working group reports and conclusions
- 17h45 Close