



**EPSU Campaign for a legal framework for Quality Public Services**  
**Closing Conference and Next Steps**

18-19 June 2007

Auditorium, International Trade Union House,  
5, Boulevard du Roi Albert II, Brussels

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*Morning EPSU journalists' seminar*

**Monday 18 June**

13:00     **Lunch and registration**

14:00     Welcome and introduction

**Evaluating the results of EPSU campaign**

Overview of EU, national and local activities by Brian Synnott, Campaign Coordinator  
Debate

15:00     *Coffee*

15:30     **The EU's role in promoting sustainable social and economic development: what place for public services?** Example of the European Neighbourhood Policy<sup>1</sup>

Debate with:

- ✓ Rutger Wissels, Director, European Neighbourhood Policy Co-ordination, DG External, Relations, European Commission
- ✓ Vasyl Shilov, Ukrainian Trade Union Federation and PSI-Europe sub regional officer
- ✓ Karin Alleweldt, European Economic and Social Committee

17: 30     *Close of first day*

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<sup>1</sup> See EPSU's background paper on "*the European Neighbourhood Policy: implications for public services and trade unions*" <http://www.epsu.org/a/1764>

## **Tuesday 19 June**

- 09:00     **Next steps regarding the EU legal framework for public services:** what future for public services?  
Debate with:  
✓ Marcel Haag, Secretariat General, European Commission  
✓ Roshan di Puppo, Platform of European social NGOs  
✓ Eva Belabed, Group II Economic and Social Committee (EESC)  
✓ Eurotopia<sup>2</sup> campaign on public services in Europe
- 10:30     *Coffee*
- 11:00     **Working group sessions**  
  
The working group sessions will build on the debate of the first day and address how we can ensure legal protection for public services principles (e.g. universal access, affordability, equality...) at EU, national and local levels.
- 12:30     *Buffet lunch*
- 14:00     **Report back from the working groups' rapporteurs**  
*(each rapport should aim to give the main points of discussion and should take no more than 10 minutes)*  
  
Questions and clarifications
- 14:30     **Conference conclusions and next steps**
- 15:00     **Close of Conference**
- 15:00     *Coordinators meeting*
- 16:00     *End*

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<sup>2</sup> See enclosed Eurotopia publication