



To affiliated organisations
All decision making bodies

15 February 2007

We collect 1 million signatures!

ETUC petition for high-quality public services, accessible to all

Dear Colleagues,

At its meeting of 8 February 2007, the ETUC Steering Committee reinforced its call on all affiliated unions to actively collect one million signatures for the **ETUC petition for high-quality public services, accessible to all**.

We solicit your active support for this important campaign!

Please give it priority in the run-up to the ETUC Congress of 21 – 24 May this year. Communicate the petition amongst rank and file members via your websites, trade union magazines and other means of information.

Make the link between this European campaign and your ongoing national campaigns. Explore whether you can find allies at national level to support our objectives.

We successfully rallied against the Bolkestein directive.

Now we want to promote a positive agenda for quality public services. The core of this campaign is about what kind of hospitals, schools, elderly care, child care, transport, water services, fire and rescue services, prisons, defense and other public services and infrastructures services we want for people in Europe. All of these services are in the public interest. They are services which must be made available for all, independently of the capacity to pay. We do not want these services crudely subjected to internal market and competition rules.

We have already won the support of the European Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee. The petition is supported by the Party of European Socialists and the European Green Party as well as individual members of the United Left. European networks of NGOs, such as the Social Platform and CELSIG (European Liaison Committee for Services of General Interest) are signing up to the petition.

It is your role to give the local context and to make the European campaign also a local one, fitted to your national circumstances.

We therefore invite you to take the following measures:

- to put the petition on your website, ideally showing the link on every page of the website;
- to spread the link to regional and local levels of affiliated unions;
- to include the message to sign petition into all e-mails (below);
- to support collection of signatures on paper;
- to publish articles in union press at all levels (national, regional, local.)
- to feed the petition into national networks of political parties and groups, NGOs, civil society networks, public sector employers, organisations of cities and regions;
- to solicit support of politicians, especially mayors of cities, other personalities;
- to regularly communicate results / achievements with your European organisation and your national centre.

We have set ourselves an ambitious target; we need to succeed together!

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EPSU General Secretary

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ETUCE General Secretary

Emmanuel Jacob
EUROMIL President

Its up to you - 12 steps to a million signatures <http://www.epsu.org/a/2735>

We support the ETUC campaign for high-quality public services, accessible to all: please sign ETUC petition <http://www.petitionpublicservice.eu>

Nous soutenons la campagne de la CES pour des services publics accessibles a tous et de qualite : signez la pétition <http://www.petitionpublicservice.eu/PETITION-POUR-DES-SERVICES-PUBLICS>

Sostieni la campagna della CES per i servizi pubblici accessibili a tutti. Firma la petizione : <http://www.petitionpublicservice.eu/a/5>

Wir unterstützen die EGB Kampagne für hochwertige öffentliche Dienstleistungen für alle: Bitte unterzeichnet die EGB Petition <http://www.petitionpublicservice.eu/a/9>

Apoyamos la campaña de la CES por unos servicios públicos de calidad, accesibles a todos: firma la petición <http://www.petitionpublicservice.eu/a/7>

ETUC Steering Committee document: <http://www.epsu.org/a/2713>

ETUC materials for paper collection: <http://www.epsu.org/a/2510>