



Quality public services in Europe – quality of life

**Launch of EPSU campaign for a EU legal framework on public services
to put the heart into Europe**

20 & 21 April 2006, GPA Building, Alfred Dallinger Platz, 1, 1034 Vienna

Working languages: English, French, German (passive Portuguese, Italian + Spanish)

Final programme (version 6/4/2006)

Thursday April 20

09h00 – 12h30 pre-meeting for national coordinators only

- 14h00 **Opening of workshop** (*Chair EPSU President Anne-Marie Perret*)
- Welcome by Rudolf Hundstorfer, President Gewerkschaft der Gemeindebediensteten (GdG)
 - Outline of aims of the event by EPSU President
- 14h30 **Why must there be a EU legal framework on public services?**
- Presentation by David Hall, PSIRU on the evolution of the EU debate
 - Debate
- 16h00 Coffee
- 16h30 **The EU policy vacuum: healthcare, social services and education**
Speakers:
- Brian Synnott EPSU
 - Annemarie Falktoft European Trade Union Education Committee (ETUCE)
- 18h00 Close of first day
- 19h00 **Joint reception and dinner**

Friday April 21

09h00 **Defending and promoting quality public services in Europe**

1) What do we mean by quality public services?

Introductory presentation by Jane Pillinger (EPSU researcher)

2) Follow-up to the White Paper on Services of General Interest ?

Speakers:

- Ieke Van den Burg MEP: position of the European Socialist party (PES)
- Marcel Haag, European Commission: Next steps?
- Michael Häupl Mayor of Vienna, and President of CEMR
- Emmerich Bachmayer, Director-General for Public Administration, Austria: public services and the Lisbon Strategy

Chair – Austrian TV journalist

11h00 Coffee

**11h30 Open session with the Press to launch EPSU campaign
“Quality Public Services in Europe – Quality of Life”.**

Chair Carola Fischbach-Pyttel EPSU General Secretary

Participants:

Anne-Sophie Parent, Age – President of the European Older People’s platform and the European Platform of Social NGOs

Rudolf Hundstorfer, President Gewerkschaft der Gemeindebediensteten (GdG)

Press conference Running Order

- *Presentation EPSU advertisements for campaign*
- *Outline of information for journalists (launch declaration; timetable of campaign; contact info for national coordinators; endorsements from non-attending EU organisations and political representatives).*
- *Questions*
- *Photo Session*

12h30 Lunch

14h00 How are we building alliances at national and European level in support of quality public services?

Debate with

- Caspar Einem, President of CEEP
- Jozef Niemiec, Confederal Secretary ETUC
- EPSU campaign coordinators (Kalle Livamaagi, Mathias Flickschu, and Rosa Pavanelli)

Debate facilitator Austrian TV journalist

16h00 Conclusions and close of workshop