EPSU Collective Bargaining and Social Dialogue Conference
10-11 January 2017
Quality Employment and Quality Public Services

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Practical details

Participation
The conference is open to all affiliated unions and is targeted at colleagues who are involved in and have responsibility for collective bargaining. We would particularly encourage participation from affiliates that organize workers in prison services and childcare. These sectors are the focus of follow up working groups and background research for the project. Participants from these sectors will be given priority if there is a high demand for financial assistance (see travel and accommodation below).

Gender balance
We would encourage affiliates to help us improve the gender balance at this event by nominating women delegates. The participation of women in the conference in recent years has been around 35%-40%. This is well below the proportion of members of EPSU affiliates who are women (68%).

Interpretation
Interpretation has been requested to and from English, French, German, Czech, Russian, Spanish, Swedish and Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Montenegrin. We have also requested that participants may speak but not listen to Italian. Portuguese and Norwegian but this is still to be confirmed.

Venue and time
The Conference will take place in the Auditorium of the International Trade Union House, 5 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels, with registration from 8:30 and the conference starting at 9:00 on Tuesday 10 January 2017 and ending at 15:00 on Wednesday 11 January 2017.

Travel and accommodation
EPSU expects affiliated unions to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of their participants. However, there will be some financial assistance for affiliates from Central and Eastern Europe, both within and outside the European Union.
European Commission funding means that financial assistance is available for a limited number of delegates from EU Member States in Central and Eastern Europe and Candidate Countries. It will be up to the affiliates in those countries to agree who should apply for financial assistance. In case of questions please contact the secretariat.

A hotel list offering preferential tariffs to EPSU / ETUC is attached.

**Travel and Accommodation for participants eligible for financial assistance:**
Affiliates in the countries concerned (see table below) are requested to consult each other and nominate their delegate(s). This contribution is only available to delegates from unions having fulfilled their affiliation obligations towards EPSU as laid out in the paragraphs of section 5 of the EPSU Constitution.

The funding enables EPSU to contribute to:
- The travel of participants with a maximum of 350 euros. You are therefore requested to use APEX or cheapest tickets. **In order to be reimbursed, tickets and boarding cards must be kept and sent back to EPSU after the conference with the expense claim (taxis will not be reimbursed).**
- The accommodation of participants up to a maximum of 140 euros per night for a maximum stay of 2 nights.

As a guide, reimbursements will be allocated as follows, but there maybe some flexibility where country quotas are not fully used.

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In countries for which we are able to reimburse more than one person, one of the two delegates must be a woman. This is in line with EPSU equal opportunity policies.

**Reimbursement of travel and accommodation costs for participants from non-EU and non-EU Candidate Countries:**
EPSU will provide financial assistance of up to **500 €** towards travel and accommodation of one representative per country. **In order to be reimbursed, tickets and boarding cards must be kept and sent back to EPSU after the conference with the expense claim (taxis will not be reimbursed).**

**Other interpretation**

We may be able to reimburse travel and accommodation for a colleague to assist participants with interpretation. Please consult with the secretariat for more details on this.