4th EPSU Trade Union Journalists seminar
Venue: International trade union house (ITUH) - ROOM B

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Day I: Monday 24 November

Place: International Trade Union House (ITUH) – Room B Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5 – 1210 Brussels

09.00 Registration

Section A – EPSU 2009 Congress briefing

09.30 Opening remarks by General Secretary European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), Carola Fischbach-Pyttel

Outline of Seminar – Brian Synnott, EPSU Communications and campaigns Officer

An extensive briefing will be given on the aims of the EPSU congress in 2009, and in particular the outline and timetable for pre-congress publicity.

11.00 Coffee Break

Section B – EPSU website and trade union journalist participation

Outlining the EPSU agenda (support from EPSU political officers as available)

Brian Synnott, Xavier Dutoit External website consultant

The redesigned www.epsu.org will be explained, including a proposal to include content from EPSU trade union journalists.

Questions and debate

13.00 Lunch

Section C – Update of EPSU campaigns.

14.30 – 15.15 EU health services directive
15.15 – 16.00 Working Time Directive
16.00 – 16.30 Coffee Break
16.30 – 17.00 EPSU and the Lisbon treaty (future of public services)
17.00  End of the first day

19.00  Dinner for participants (venue t.b.c.)

Day II: Tuesday 25 November

Place: Auditorium ITUH – EPSU Executive Committee

9.30  Welcome by EPSU General Secretary Carola Fischbach-Pyttel

Section E – EPSU Public Service Pledge for the European Parliament Elections 2009
The EPSU Executive Committee will stage a press conference to outline the EPSU election strategy. Leaders of the major European parties will also be invited to attend.

10.00  Press Conference including European Politicians on public service pledge

Section D – EPSU book launch on the effects of Public Private Partnerships
EPSU will host the launch of a major study on PPPs, highlighting extensive examples of the negative effects of the PPP model.

11.00  Presentation and questions with David Hall (PSIRU Director)

13.00  Lunch and conclusion of seminar