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(Dublin, 4 June 2019 - Press Release) Dublin is to play host to over 550 trade unionists from across Europe for the 10th Congress of the European Public Services Union (EPSU) from tomorrow (4th June).

Over the course of a four day conference in the RDS, delegates will set out, discuss and put in place a programme of action for a fair future.

Held every five years, this year's Congress will focus on the need for trade unions to embrace digitalisation, to continue to fight privatisation and to work in more collaborative ways to build solidarity and union power.

President of Ireland Michael D. Higgins and new Deputy General Secretary of the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), Esther Lynch will address Congress on Tuesday.

Speaking ahead of the conference in Dublin, EPSU Communications and Campaigns

Officer, **Pablo Sánchez Centellas** said: *"Digitalisation has the potential to positively transform public services and the jobs of public service workers. Quicker and easier access to services and increased participation of citizens can be combined with better quality jobs as repetitive work is replaced with more fulfilling tasks".*

"New technology needs to be under democratic control. We have seen the impact on society of privatisation and PPPs. we need a societal control of our future".

"Another major topic is the fight for public ownership," he added.

EPSU's General Secretary, **Jan Willem Goudriaan** said: *"We are fighting for a future for all. Public service unions are at the forefront to ensure a more democratic society, a society that cares for all. A precondition is more democracy at our workplaces, strong collective bargaining and qualified and decently paid public service workers".*

"Our Congress will discuss how we grow the power of unions to give all workers in Europe a voice on the decisions that matter to us, our families and our communities ."

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