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Joint AK EUROPA / ÖGB Europabüro / EPSU / ETUC workshop

19 November 2019, Brussels

### Brief report

#### **Presentations**

- **Public services, trade treaties and a Green New Deal** - Presentation by [Scott Sinclair](#), Director of the Trade and Investment Project, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), based on CCPA paper ‘Beyond NAFTA 2.0: *Toward a progressive trade agenda for people and planet*’ and lessons learnt from CETA and WTO
- **Where do we stand today? Conflicts over public services in trade negotiations & overview on their treatment in next generation agreements** - Presentation by [Oliver Prausmüller](#), expert on trade issues at the Chamber of Labour Vienna (AK), based on background note on the “*Exclusion of public services from trade and investment agreements: Pending issues & key concerns*”

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Joint workshop “Next generation trade and investment agreements: Upcoming challenges for public services” organised by EPSU, ETUC, AK Europa and ÖGB Europabüro, 19 November 2019, EPSU offices, 40 Rue Joseph II – 3rd floor, 1000 Brussels, Belgium.

The workshop will focus on how to resist pressure under current services and investment rules to liberalise/privatise public services and to fully protect the right preserve, expand, restore, and create public services without trade treaty interference.

Discussion will be organised in three blocks:

- Overview of recent policy developments
- Capacity building: latest research and activities (beyond CETA, TiSA, GATS...)
- Network building: exchange between policy actors, trade unions, civil society and scientific expertise

The workshop will include a presentation by Scott Sinclair, Director, Trade and Investment Research Project Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) of the recent paper '[Beyond NAFTA 2.0: Toward a progressive trade agenda for people and planet](#)'.

A detailed agenda will follow.

A [background note](#) for this workshop is attached, together with a [update on some recent trade developments](#).

The working language will be English.

Participation (maximum 25-30) is open to EPSU members, ETUC trade committee members and invited guests. Participants are expected to pay their own costs. Lunch will be provided.

If you are interested to participate please send an email to Anneke Krijger, EPSU ( [akrijger@epsu.org](mailto:akrijger@epsu.org)) at the latest by 11 November 2019.

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## MEETING DOCUMENTS

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