

Defending social partner agreements

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Nadja Salson of EPSU policy staff provided some background on the social partner agreement in the European social dialogue committee for Central Government Administrations. This landmark agreement on information and consultation was signed in December 2015 and was intended to fill the gap in the information and consultation directives that had excluded public administration. The trade unions and employers jointly submitted it to the European Commission for eventual transposition into a directive by the European Council. However, the Commission then took over two years to respond, finally stating in a short letter that it would not put the agreement forward to the Council. Nadja ran through the debates in EPSU's National and European Administration Standing Committee and Executive Committee and the decision at the Executive Committee in May to launch a legal challenge and political campaign calling on the Commission to reverse its decision.

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