

## **First regional collective bargaining meeting**

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Over 30 participants are due to meet in London on 3-4 March in a new initiative to discuss social dialogue and collective bargaining issues among smaller groups of EPSU affiliates. There will be three meetings in 2008 funded from the European Commission's social dialogue budget and the first will bring together affiliates from UK, Ireland, Sweden, Finland, Denmark, Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. Affiliates from Norway and Iceland have also been invited. The meeting will discuss current challenges to effective sectoral social dialogue and look at how to improve co-ordination over key collective bargaining issues such as low pay and outsourcing. The meeting will also continue the debate over the future of European industrial relations in the public services started at the main collective bargaining conference last December.

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