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3rd EPSU Social Services Conference

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ATHINAIS CONFERENCE CENTER, Athens - Greece

10th, 11th and 12th of June 2007

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On 7 June 2005 the EPSU Executive Committee stated that EPSU should establish and reaffirm its competence in the social services area. As a follow-up to the Seminars in 2005 and 2006, it has been agreed by the EPSU Social Services Working Group and the EPSU Health and Social Services Standing Committee, that a third event be organised in 2007 in order to further develop and refine EPSU's policy for the social services sectors.

The 2007 Conference built upon the discussions, which took place at the Seminars in Budapest and Helsinki and the Social Services Working Group meetings. In addition, we looked at the recent European developments in the social services sector including the debates in the field of (Social) Services of General Interest.

The Conference provided an opportunity for trade union officers to exchange views and ideas about the current and future European developments and if/how they influence the working conditions of social service workers and the quality and accessibility of the social services. We worked both in plenary and sector-specific workshop sessions. A number of experts and stakeholder organisations were invited to participate in the debate and to provide us with background documentation.

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