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Conference
Public service trade unions –
effective intervention in the European Semester

1 October 2019
9.00-17.00

Venue: International Trade Union House (ITUH) - Auditorium
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5, 1210 Brussels

Dear Colleagues,

I would like to invite you to take part in this conference to discuss the results of major research into the impact of the European Semester on public services and the role played by public service trade unions.

The project has been organised with the support of the **ETUCE**, the European Federation representing education workers and with research provided by the **OSE** research organisation and the **University of Nottingham**.

Five country case studies – **Denmark, France, Ireland, Italy** and **Latvia** – will be discussed in detail along with the key messages based on the research findings .

The conference will also feature contributions from European public service employer organisations and the European Commission. The agenda and full list of speakers will be available at the end of August.

The conference sessions will cover:

- **Public services and the European Semester** – this will provide an analysis of the 2017-18 and, in more detail, the 2018-2019 Semesters, highlighting the impact on public services, the role played by trade unions in the process and the key messages from the research project.

- **Country discussions** – the researchers from the University of Nottingham and OSE will present each of the five country case studies providing an opportunity to see in detail how the Semester has worked in each of those countries, the implications for public services and the role of trade unions in the process.
- **Roundtable on the key messages** Representatives of EPSU and the ETUCE will debate the main findings of the research with representatives of the European Commission and the European sector employers.

Sponsorship

Funding from the European Commission will allow both EPSU and ETUCE to provide financial support to affiliates. Please see the practical details document for EPSU's arrangements.

Languages

There will be active interpretation in Danish, English, French, Italian and Latvian.

We hope that your trade union will participate and look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Best regards,



Jan Willem Goudriaan
EPSU General Secretary

List of enclosures: to be found at

<https://www.epsu.org/event/conference-public-service-trade-unions-effective-intervention-european-semester>

- Invitation letter
- **Online registration form (deadline 20 September 2019)**
- Practical details
- List of hotels in Brussels

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