



DRAFT PROGRAMME
EPSU Annual Conference Local and Regional Government
8 May, Riga Latvia

**Developments and trade union strategies regarding the (re)municipalisation /
insourcing of local public services**

09h00-17h00

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Welcome and introduction by EPSU

Welcome address by representative of Latvian Minister for Social Affairs, Welfare, Employment and Equal Opportunities TBC

Welcome by Latvian Free Trade Union Confederation, Vice-President Livija Marcinkevica

Opening presentation on local public services between privatisation and (re-)municipalisation

Speaker: Ole Helby Petersen, Associate Professor AKF

10h00-12h00

Panel I: Public-Public Cooperation in Europe: the case of municipal companies

Chair: Anders Hammarback, Chair LRG

Speaker: Roland Schäfer, Mayor of City of Berkamen, Vice-President European Association of Small Cities presenting the case of re-municipalisation of public utilities followed by Q&A

In this work session we will look closer on practical case examples on how public municipal and (re-)municipal companies operate in Europe and which opportunities and challenges they face.

Lunch: 12h00-14h00 (in conference hotel)

14h00-15h30

Panel II: Re-municipalisation Trends in Europe: Case Examples followed by joint discussion

Chair: Lucille Thirlby, UNISON

Speaker: Paul O'Brien, APSE: Introduction to the UK Guide on Insourcing (<http://www.apse.org.uk/page-flips/2011/insourcing/index.html>) followed by Q&A

In this work session we will examine the rational and potential advantages of 'in-house' / direct provision of local public services by providing case examples from various European countries and try to clarify the reasons why the bias against direct provision exists.

16h00-17h00

Work Session III: Quality Working Conditions in Local and Regional Government and Trade Union Strategies

Chair: Anders Hammarbäck, Chair LRG

Speaker: David Hall, PSIRU, EPSU briefing "remunicipalisation" followed by Q&A

In this work session we will re-examine the potential difficulties to be addressed when (re-)municipalisation/ insourcing public services, including in terms of implications for employment conditions.

Conclusions by EPSU

Joint Dinner