



Defending and strengthening trade union rights in public services 14-15 September 2021

Draft Agenda

First regional meeting of the project:
Trade union rights and implementation of
the Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions Directive in public services
A joint project of EPSU, EUROMIL and EuroCOP

Day 1: 9.00-12.30

9.00-9.15

- Welcome from the three federations – EPSU, EUROMIL and EuroCOP – and background on the project

9.15-10.30

- Overview of workers' rights in public services in Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain
Alexander de Backer, University of Ghent

Break

11.00-12.00

- How do restrictions or bans on trade union rights affect workers on the ground?
This session will allow national affiliates of the three trade union federations to highlight some of the main problems they face in asserting their rights to organise, collective bargaining and to strike

12.00-12.30

- Can EU sectoral social dialogue protect trade union rights and achieve new ones?
An update on EPSU's legal case against the European Commission on information and consultation rights in central government and the upcoming EC review of social dialogue
Nadja Salson, EPSU

Day 2: 9.00-12.30

9.00

- The treatment of public service workers in European social directives with reference to the Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions Directive and focus on implementation of the Directive in Cyprus, France, Greece, Italy, Malta, Portugal and Spain

Adam Pokorny, European Commission, Head of Unit – Working Conditions, DG Employment (TBC)

9.40

- Legal strategies to defend trade union rights

Stefan Clauwaert, Senior Legal and Human Rights Advisor, ETUC

10.20 Break

10.50

- Labour rights in public services and ILO Convention 151

Carlos Carrion-Crespo, International Labour Organisation specialist on public services and utilities

11.30

- Panel discussion – key challenges facing public service trade unions and how the project can help address these. A representative from each of the federations will summarise the conference debates and suggest some next steps.

12.30 End of conference

Languages: active interpretation in English, French, Greek, Italian, Portuguese and Spanish



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