Defending and strengthening trade union rights in public services
8-9 March 2022

Draft Agenda

Fourth 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 the countries covered by the seminar
  Alexander de Becker, University of Ghent
  Followed by questions and comments from participants and contributions on national situations.

Break

11.00-11.30
  Further questions and comments from participants and contributions on national situations.

11.30-12.30
• 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

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• 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 Croatia, Slovenia, Serbia, North Macedonia, Albania, Montenegro and Turkey
  Nadja Salson, EPSU

9.30-10.30
• Legal strategies to defend trade union rights
  Stefan Clauwaert, Senior Legal and Human Rights Advisor, ETUC

Break

11.00-12.00
• Labour rights in public services and ILO Convention 151
  Carlos Carrion-Crespo, International Labour Organisation specialist on public services and utilities

12.00-12.30
• Summing up, key conclusions and next steps in project

12.30  End of conference

Languages: active interpretation in English, BHSM, Albanian, Slovenian, Macedonian and Turkish

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