Defending and strengthening trade union rights in public services
10-11 May 2022

Draft Agenda

Fifth 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 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 Austria, Belgium, Germany, Ireland, Luxembourg and the Netherlands.

9.45
- Legal strategies to defend trade union rights
  Stefan Clauwaert, Senior Legal and Human Rights Advisor, ETUC

10.30 Break

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

11.50
- Main conclusions – 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, Dutch, French and German

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