



## **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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