WORKSHOP ON TRADE UNIONS AND PRISON SERVICES IN EUROPE
19 May 2005, 10h00-17h00, Luxembourg

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10h00  Introduction and objectives: Chair: Elizabeth Franke, Ver.di, Germany, Vice-chair of the NEA committee

Amid industrial actions relating to the understaffing and overcrowding of prisons in Europe, the workshop will develop EPSU priorities in the prison and correctional services taking account of the wider debate on Services of General Interest in the EU.

Presentation of EPSU discussion paper, Nadja Salson, EPSU

10h30  The European Market for Privatised Correctional Services: Developments and Implications

PSIRU research findings, Stephen Nathan, Editor, Prison Privatisation Report International, (Public Services International Research Unit, UK)

11h30  Coffee break

11h45  Working conditions and trade union rights in prisons: is there a case for the public sector?

France: Christophe Marques, General Secretary of FO -pénitentiaires
Germany: Bernd-Axel Lindenlaub, Verdi Bundesverwaltung
Belgium: Gaston Merkelbach, CCSP

13h00  Lunch

14h30  Working conditions, trade union rights and social dialogue
Chair Anne-Marie Perret, FGF-FO France, EPSU Vice-president and NEA member

Discussion on country case studies; social dialogue and impact of EU social legislation and collective agreements

Management views: Ole Ingstrup, Denmark, former manager of Canadian prison services and President of International Correction and Prison Association (ICPA)

15h45  Reinsertion of prisoners and alternatives to imprisonment:
Initial roundtable discussion

16h30  Conclusions and next steps

17h00  Closing