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<p>Congress mandates the Executive Committee in accordance with article 17.2 of the EPSU Constitution to determine the affiliation fees for 2015 and the following years. It will be assisted in this task by the Finance Working Group on the basis of representation by the constituencies.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <i>While the trend is uneven and not affecting all countries and unions, many unions in Europe are facing grave problems as the financial and economic crisis is hitting public service workers particularly hard, resulting in a loss of members and income. This in turn also affects the European Federation.</i> 2. <i>At the same time there is an increasing demand for coordinated European trade union activities, for example at cross-sectoral levels, within sectors, professional groups, constituencies, and companies. This reflects the importance affiliated unions attach to understanding European developments with the aim to influence the decisions that are affecting their members. Many decisions are coordinated or taken at European level by governments and the European institutions, employers' organisations or single employers.</i> 3. <i>The Federation is further faced with structural costs increases reflecting inflation. It has to respect Belgian legislation, its collective agreement and obligations towards staff.</i> 4. <i>The projected development of income, expenditure and reserves shows that it will be important to analyse the situation carefully, further evaluating the synergies achieved with the merger, taking account of the work done by the Finance Working Group and the reports of the Member auditors as well as decisions taken by the EPSU Executive Committee to more clearly link finances with the priorities of EPSU, to maintain our reserves and have balanced budgets.</i> 5. <i>It will further be necessary to build a provision for the next EPSU Congress.</i>