

3. Minutes and Matters Arising

23 June 2022 Global Public Service Day

A	<p>HISTORY OF THE DOCUMENT & POINTS FOR DECISION</p> <p>EPSU affiliates have been active campaigning for public service workers and giving visibility to the demands of our members and used Global Public Service Day 23 June 2021. More unions engaged than in previous years on the day.</p> <p>It is important we continue to give joint visibility to the demands of public service workers under the heading of Valuing our Public Services – Valuing Public Service Workers - celebrate, resist, act.</p> <p>Members are requested to endorse the 23 June 2022 as an EPSU wide action day and to request affiliates to integrate the day in their calendar.</p>
B	<p>BRIEF OUTLINE</p> <p>2021 - The action day on the occasion of Global Public Service Day 23 June 2021 was well followed by unions. Our joint ambition should be to do even better, with more engagement from workers at the workplace in 2022.</p> <p>Unions engaged in local events, seminars and the joint picture action. EPSU joined debates of affiliates like from the Swiss VPOD and we organised a series of debates on 23 June. One panel brought together the UN expert on Human Rights and Extreme Poverty Oliver de Schutter and the Director of UNCTAD's division on Globalisation and Development Strategies Richard Kozul-Wright. They broadly shared our critical positions and the devastating impact a return to austerity policies will have on workers, public services and people. A second panel saw journalists and authors Eve Livingstone and Leigh Philips discuss the importance of working people organising in trade unions and how trade unions remain the best tool to protect and improve working conditions and pay. The third panel featured trade union activists on key fights to keep their workplace public and defeat efforts to privatise public services</p> <p>2022 – We will see a more aggressive demand of conservative/liberal circles for a return to fiscal balance/ consolidation, zero deficits, reduction of public debt - in other words austerity. This will include proposals to weaken unions, reform labour markets and pension systems. In the European Union and in particular the eurozone this will focus on the review and possible reform of the European economic governance system. These discussions will be in the European Parliament around the period of 23 June.</p> <p>It is proposed we continue our campaign for public service workers under the same broad slogans as in 2021. Affiliates have been imaginative on how to integrate these in their campaigns. We will consider a panel again with high level speakers. Depending on the developments with COVID19 we will consider a more visible presence for example with an action in Brussels and other places like Strassbourg, Thursday 23 June 2022</p> <p>The 4-5 May 2022 Mid Term Executive Committee will have more detailed proposals on the agenda.</p>

C	<p>GENDER EQUALITY ASPECTS</p> <p>Public services and the demands of public services unions achieving gender equality are intrinsically linked. The Global Public Service Day is an opportunity to underline the importance of public services for equality.</p>
D	<p>LINK TO WORKPROGRAMME(S)</p> <p>The 23 June Public Service Day links with many different parts of the EPSU Workprogramme. We use it together across EPSU to make public service workers visible, to recall the contributions they make to society, and how central public service workers will be to address economic progress, climate change and ensure people can realise their human rights.</p>
E	<p>BUDGET IMPLICATION(S)</p> <p>We have included 10.000 EUR in the budget of Communications (2022) to support the work on the day of action.</p>
F	<p>LIST OF RELATED DOCUMENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A summary of the day of action 2021 https://www.epsu.org/article/massive-participation-european-actions-un-public-service-day-23-june-value-our-public and an overview of the many actions through the pictures of public service workers is available here. https://www.flickr.com/photos/94657608@N02/albums/72157719220975391 • For the programme of the panels. https://www.epsu.org/article/valuing-public-services-valuing-public-service-workers • Decision of the EPSU Executive Committee 24-25 November 2022 https://www.epsu.org/system/files/articles/files/it%205.b%20Cover%2023%20June%20Public%20Service%20Day%20-%20EN_1.pdf and the follow up at Executive Committee 7-8 April 2021 The broader frame of the actions: https://www.epsu.org/article/epsu-day-action-international-public-service-day-23-june-2021 https://www.epsu.org/system/files/articles/files/it%207%20Cover%2023%20June%20Public%20Service%20Day%20-%20EN.pdf • Some publicity for the day of action https://socialeurope.eu/author/jan-willem-goudriaan With Mette https://www.brusselstimes.com/174289/un-public-service-day-unions-call-for-a-revaluing-of-the-public-sector/ An example of how unions have used it: https://www.vd.hu/az-ensz-kozzolgalati-napjan-a-szakszervezetek-a-kozzsfera-atertekesere-szolitanak-fel and here https://www.collettiva.it/copertina/internazionale/2021/06/23/news/rivalutare_il_settore_pubblico-1241603/ strike https://twitter.com/VPOD_Schweiz/status/1407666745272422409 seminar https://www.younion.at/themen/ourfutureispublic