

Next generation trade and investment agreements Upcoming challenges for public services Joint AK EUROPA / ÖGB Europabüro / EPSU / ETUC workshop

19 November 2019 – 10h00-16h00, EPSU offices (3rd floor), Brussels, Belgium

DRAFT AGENDA

| 09:30 – 10:00 | Registration and welcome coffee |
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| 10:00 – 10:30 | Opening session Welcome by EPSU, ETUC, AK, ÖGB and brief 'tour de table' presentation of participants |
| 10:30 – 11:30 | Towards an alternative agenda for trade, investment and economic policy: the place of public services and infrastructures Presentation by Scott Sinclair, Director of the Trade and Investment Project, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA), based on CCPA paper 'Beyond NAFTA 2.0: Toward a progressive trade agenda for people and planet' and lessons learnt from CETA and WTO • Q&A and discussion |
| 11:30 - 11:45 | Coffee break |
| 11:45 – 12:45 | Where do we stand today? Conflicts over public services in trade negotiations & overview on their treatment in next generation agreements Presentation by Oliver Prausmüller, expert on trade issues at the Chamber of Labour Vienna (AK), based on background note on the "Exclusion of public services from trade and investment agreements: Pending issues & key concerns" • Q&A and discussion |
| 12:45 – 13:30 | Lunch |
| 13:30 – 15:30 | Future perspectives: what opportunities are there for an alternative agenda and to better protect public services in trade and investment agreements politically? Introduction by Lucile Falgueyrac trade policy assistant in office of Anna Cavazzini MEP and discussion on where / how we can make a difference with a special focus on the incoming European Parliament • What we can build on • Future challenges • Q&A and discussion |
| 15:30 – 16:00 | Close of seminar • Summary and conclusions from the day |