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To the waste list

To the members of the EPSU Standing Committee
on Public Utilities

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Seminar on Health and safety in the waste industry An avenue for cooperation between social partners?

Brussels 28 November 2011

ITUH - Room B – Blvd. Roi Albert II, 5 - 1210 Brussels

Dear Colleagues,

On 28 November 2011 EPSU organises a seminar on Health and Safety in the waste industry. This is an issue that has been neglected for some time. However on average the number of incidents in the waste industry is relatively high and the nature of the job (handling waste) brings bigger risks to health and safety of workers compared to other industries.

Also the waste industry is facing changes in structure and working patterns due to globalisation and higher demands for re-use and recycling of waste. The focus in the industry is shifting from disposal (“how to get rid of waste”) to re-use (“how to regain the most of the resources in waste”).

We think it is good to pay attention to the health and safety situation at this moment, because changes in working pattern should not endanger health and safety of workers. We will look at the situation in different companies and areas within the waste industry.

To promote changes in working environment and behaviour different measures are needed varying from information, incentives and regulation. Therefore we think cooperation between workers and management is indispensable and dialogue is a prerequisite for lasting and better results.

The seminar will take place:

28 November 2011 from 10.30 to 16.30

Venue:

**International Trade Union House,
Room B,
Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5 – 1210 Brussels**

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The programme is attached.

We have requested funding from the European Commission and expect to have the confirmation in November 2011. If we obtain these funding we will be able to offer financial assistance to a limited number of representatives

Please fill in and return the attached participation form **by 9 November 2011 at the latest**, thanks.

Yours sincerely,

Carola FISCHBACH-PYTTEL
EPSU General Secretary

List of Enclosures to be found at <http://www.epsu.org/a/7994> Login (case sensitive):
Workers (click on submit) Password (case sensitive): 8million (click on submit)

- Participation form
- Draft agenda
- List of hotels and area map