



## **Defending and strengthening trade union rights in public services**

**25-26 May 2021**

### **Draft Agenda**

**Launch conference of the project:** Trade union rights and implementation of the Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions Directive in public services

A joint project of EPSU, EUROMIL and EuroCOP

#### **Day 1: 9.00-12.30**

##### **9.00-9.15**

- Welcome from General Secretaries of EPSU, EUROMIL and EuroCOP

##### **9.15-10.30**

- Overview of workers' rights in public services in Europe  
*Alexander de Backer, University of Ghent*

Break

##### **11.00-12.00**

- The treatment of public service workers in European social directives with reference to the Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions Directive  
*Adam Pokorny, European Commission, Head of Unit – Working Conditions, DG Employment*

##### **12.00-12.30**

- How do restrictions or bans on trade union rights affect workers on the ground?  
This session will allow national affiliates of the three trade union federations to highlight some of the main problems they face in asserting their rights to organise, collective bargaining and to strike

## Day 2: 9.00-12.30

### 9.00

- Can EU sectoral social dialogue protect trade union rights and achieve new ones?

An update on EPSU's legal case against the European Commission on information and consultation rights in central government and the upcoming EC review of sectoral social dialogue

*Nadja Salson, EPSU*

### 10.00

- Right to organise in police services – outline of findings of ILO survey  
*Carlos Carrion-Crespo, International Labour Organisation specialist on public services and utilities*

10.45 Break

### 11.15

- Panel discussion – key challenges facing public service trade unions and quality of service provision and how the project can help address these.  
*Philippe Lamberts MEP (Greens/EFA); Carlos Carrion-Crespo, ILO; Karin Brunzell, ST, Sweden (EPSU); Gerard Cuinan, General Secretary, PDFORRA, Ireland (EUROMIL); Antoinette Cunningham, General Secretary, AGSI, Ireland (EuroCOP)*

### 12.15

- Next steps: research and regional meetings

**Languages:** active interpretation in English, French, German, Italian, Croatian, Spanish, Romanian and Russian (passive Greek and Hungarian).



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