

Public Service Day 23 June 2015 – background note on possible activities

What are our demands regarding trade agreements?

- **No ISDS:** any provision containing Investor State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanisms must be taken out of the negotiations and there should be no other mechanisms for granting privileged rights to foreign investors.
- **No regulatory cooperation council:** all regulation must be fully in the hands of democratically controlled bodies and processes.
- **No deregulation of social and environmental standards:** standards that safeguard and serve the public interest are needed. These include social and labour standards, consumer and public health protection, care for the environment including regeneration of our natural resources, animal welfare, food safety standards and environmentally sustainable agricultural practices, access to information and labelling, culture and medicine, financial market regulation as well as data protection, net neutrality and other digital rights.
- **No further deregulation and liberalisation of public services:** We demand the full exclusion of public services from the scope of trade agreements. We demand guaranteed access to high quality education, healthcare, social services, water and waste and other public services
- **Full respect for labour and environmental standards and collective agreements.**
- **Transparency:** all documents relating to trade negotiations, including draft consolidated texts, must be made public to allow for an open and critical public debate
- **A democratic process:** public scrutiny and assessment of the negotiation texts is needed, Parliaments, civil society organisations, trade unions and social partners need to be involved

What can you do on 23 June?

- Organise a meeting on trade and public services, preferably with other EPSU members / unions in your country
- Send a letter to your national MEPs, local government representatives
- Inform your members
- Put an article on your website
- etc.

You can find examples of affiliates' actions for the global day on trade that takes place on 18 April on the EPSU website, e.g. picture with 'No to CETA', 'Stop the TTIP negotiations' or 'NO to secrecy in trade negotiations.' See

- No to CETA say Central European and Balkan public service unions - <http://www.epsu.org/a/11308>
- Hungarian culture workers union KKDSZ says no to #TTIP - <http://www.epsu.org/a/11314>
- Lithuanian Trade Union of Health Care Employees LSADPS says no to CETA and to secrecy

What background materials are there to help?

- New study on trade and public services to be launched on 23 June (see concept note)
- Model EPSU press release for 23 June (to follow)
- Document list for the EPSU/ETUCE workshop January 2015
- EPSU and PSI websites
- EPSU Congress resolution

What follow-up will be needed?

- Please tell us what you do on 23 June
- Send us a picture / photo / copy of any article