EPSU Prison Staff Network meeting
6 December 2019
Brussels, ETF, Rue Marché aux Herbes 105, Galerie Agora

Final Draft Agenda (v 03.12.19)

Languages: EN, FR, IT, ES and as passive (you can speak but not listen to) in DE, HU and RO.

9h00 Opening, adoption of the agenda and presentation of participants

9h30 Key developments in EU social legislation and social dialogue committee for central/federal governments and potential impact on working conditions in prisons
  - Joint checklist of dos and don’ts on digitalisation and work/life balance available in EN, IT and FR.
  - Court case EPSU Vs Commission regarding agreement on information and consultation rights, please see here
  - Inputs for transposition of Transparency and predictability of working conditions directive
  - New directives on protection of whistleblowers and work/life balance

10h00 Developments and trends in prisons and trade union responses
Kicking off the discussion Adrian NEAGOE, SNPP Vice-president, Romania and Brian Morton, RCN National Officer, the UK
  - overview of number of inmates and of workers and public investment – what changes since last EPSU meeting in 2017? See ppt here
  - Quality employment in prisons: EPSU-led research, 2017, in Italy, Greece, Sweden and the UK – Has the situation changed?

11h00 Coffee break

11h30 Debate continues on national developments in prisons

12h30 Lunch

14h00 Health and safety at work
  - Prevention of Violence and harassment at work: discussion with Ms Maite Pagazaurtundúa, Spanish Renew MEP, Vice-President of Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee (LIBE). This will be an opportunity to discuss future cooperation with newly elected European Parliament
  - Multisectoral taskforce on prevention of violence and harassment at work
  - To note, ETUC campaign for a new directive on psycho-social risks

15h00 Integrating prison unions’ concerns in EPSU’s broader work and actions
- Right to strike: EPSU/ETUI factsheets on 35 countries: The factsheets set out the legal provisions on the right to strike, identifying in particular specific rules affecting the public services with considerable limitations for many workers including prison workers.

- Privatisation: national developments? PSI campaign against privatization of prisons, as a first step a Pledge calling for divestment in private prisons using pension funds as leverage has been posted here, see also We own it website dedicated to prisons. For noting, EPSU NEA research on privatisation and outsourcing in the pipeline (in NEA workplan 2019-24)

- Updating EPSU action on working and living conditions in prisons, see here in EN, FR and DE

15h45 Conclusions and next meeting, who can take the lead?

16h00 Closing