

## 4<sup>th</sup> EPSU Trade Union Journalists seminar

24-25 November 2008 (Version 25 September 2008)

Venue: International trade union house (ITUH) - ROOM B

### DRAFT PROGRAMME

#### Day I: Monday 24 November

**Place:** *International Trade Union House (ITUH) – Room B Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 5 – 1210 Brussels*

09.00                      *Registration*

#### **Section A – EPSU 2009 Congress briefing**

09.30                      Opening remarks by *General Secretary European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), Carola Fischbach-Pyttel*

Outline of Seminar –  
**Brian Synnott**, *EPSU Communications and campaigns Officer*

*An extensive briefing will be given on the aims of the EPSU congress in 2009, and in particular the outline and timetable for pre-congress publicity.*

11.00                      *Coffee Break*

#### **Section B – EPSU website and trade union journalist participation**

Outlining the EPSU agenda (support from EPSU political officers as available)  
**Brian Synnott**,  
**Xavier Dutoit** *External website consultant*

The redesigned [www.epsu.org](http://www.epsu.org) will be explained, including a proposal to include content from EPSU trade union journalists.

Questions and debate

13.00                      *Lunch*

#### **Section C – Update of EPSU campaigns.**

14.30 – 15.15            EU health services directive

15.15 – 16.00            Working Time Directive

16.00 – 16.30            *Coffee Break*

16.30 – 17.00            EPSU and the Lisbon treaty (future of public services)

17.00            **End of the first day**

19.00            *Dinner for participants (venue t.b.c.)*

**Day II: Tuesday 25 November**

***Place:*** Auditorium ITUH – EPSU Executive Committee

9.30            **Welcome by EPSU General Secretary Carola Fischbach-Pyttel**

**Section E – EPSU Public Service Pledge for the European Parliament Elections 2009**

The EPSU Executive Committee will stage a press conference to outline the EPSU election strategy. Leaders of the major European parties will also be invited to attend.

10.00            Press Conference including European Politicians on public service pledge

**Section D – EPSU book launch on the effects of Public Private Partnerships**

EPSU will host the launch of a major study on PPPs, highlighting extensive examples of the negative effects of the PPP model.

11.00            Presentation and questions with David Hall (PSIRU Director)

13.00            *Lunch and conclusion of seminar*