



**EPSU public defence sector network  
Thursday 16 May 2013  
CGSP, 9-11 Place Fontainas, Brussels**

Draft Agenda

09h00 : **Welcoming address and meeting objectives**

Chair: EPSU NEA President, Jean-Paul Devos

- Round up of EPSU activities in central government sector regarding outcomes of the EU social dialogue committee and response to austerity in Europe, *EPSU secretariat*
- Implications for and inputs of defence network in light of the network's priorities (please see re-attached questionnaire)

9h30 : **Social dialogue and trade union rights in the armed forces – how to build upon the good practices ? How to achieve well being at work?**

Introduction to the EU legal framework on health and safety at work and application to the defence sector, ETUI – Laurent Vogel (tbc)

Country case studies on social dialogue and well-being at work by affiliates : Denmark; Belgium; Austria (tbc); Netherlands (tbc)

Discussion

11h15 : *coffee break*

11h30 **The crisis and defence restructuring implications in Europe**

- European Defence Agency, EU official
- Benelux cooperation : Belgian General Andries
- Privatisation trends in the army and trade union response, PCS ( UK)

Discussion

13h00: *Lunch*

14h30: **Defence trade union demands**

- cooperation between trade unions
- response to restructuring
- social dialogue and collective bargaining rights
- Role of national and European defence in society
- keeping defence a public service

Discussion and outline for an EPSU policy paper that will be submitted to the EPSU NEA Committee on 10 October 2013.

16h30: end of meeting