

EU DIRECTOR GENERALS AND TRADE UNIONS FOR PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION ADOPT SOCIAL DIALOGUE PROGRESS REPORT 29 MAY 2008, SLOVENIA

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The 20-strong EPSU-led trade union delegation, TUNED, and EU-27 Director Generals for public administration held their biannual meeting on 29 May in Brdo, Slovenia.

It was the first plenary social dialogue meeting following the setting up of a Test Phase on a *formal* European social dialogue for central government administrations, as agreed last December.

Under the co-chairing of Slovenia's Director General for personnel and management Mrs Ramsak Pesec, and TUNED spokesperson from PCS, UK, Mr Cochrane, the social partners adopted a joint progress report on the implementation of the social dialogue workprogramme 2008-2009.

"This is another step in the right direction towards improving our social dialogue for the state sector. Crucial issues such as improving employee/employer's trust in central government administrations, stress at work and anticipation of change will be top of our agenda for the next 15 months. We thank the Slovenian presidency for its good handling of this first phase on testing a real formal social dialogue." says Charles Cochrane.

In addition to the progress report, the meeting endorsed a joint report and follow-ups on external violence at work in the framework of the ongoing multi-sectoral initiative in this area. An evaluation of the implementation of the European cross-sectoral Agreement on violence and harassment at work in central public administrations is foreseen to start later this year.

The meeting also heard a presentation on the mid-term evaluation of the Test Phase. The evaluation will be carried out by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA) in time for the DG/TUNED meeting on 19 December. A questionnaire on line is available to TUNED and EUPAN members.

Next meetings of the social dialogue are scheduled for **07 July** (steering group, p.m.) and **9 September** (working group, all day) which will concentrate on the issue of stress at work. Both meetings will take place in Paris under the French EU presidency. A second working group meeting will take place on **13 November** in Brussels.

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Progress report in English and German (French version pending)

Report on external violence in English and German (French version pending)

Speech of Charlie Cochrane, in English only

All meeting documents of the 50th DG conference 28-29 May are available at <http://www.eupan.si/index.php?id=13>