

EPSU Position on the European Green Deal



Challenging consensus on the use of market-based solutions to fight climate breakdown

(February 2020) The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) welcomes the Green Deal proposed by the European Commission as a holistic response to the climate emergency. However, this much needed paradigm shift will not succeed if it is not managed in a socially just way. The Commission's ambitious climate plans must be accompanied by an equally ambitious just transition strategy for workers and local communities, and a stronger role for the public sector.

In response to the draft Climate Law published on 4th March, General Secretary of EPSU Jan Willem Goudriaan stated *“The Commission’s proposal to enshrine the climate-neutrality by 2050 goal into legislation is historic in ambition, but falls short of the scale of change which is needed to meet the 1.5°C global warming target. This can only be achieved through a just transition for workers and communities, public investment and public ownership.”*

This paper outlines EPSU’s position on the initiatives being launched this March, namely the Climate Law, Industrial Strategy and Circular Economy Action Plan.

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