



**AGENDA**  
**CONFERENCE ON**  
**“THE SERVICES OF GENERAL INTEREST AND THE INTERNAL**  
**MARKET – WHAT DOES THE FUTURE HOLD?”**  
**LISBON, 9, 10 AND 11 APRIL 2008**

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> April**

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*Arrival of participants in the morning*

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*13.00 Lunch*

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14.30 **Welcome address** by António COSTA, Mayor of Lisbon (tbc)

**Introduction: Public services – ETUC strategy**

John MONKS, ETUC General Secretary

1<sup>st</sup> Session: The European challenge and national experiences

15.00 **Introduction to the debate: The European challenges for Public Services**,  
Jean Christophe LE DUGOU, CGT, France

15.15 Four concrete experiences and campaigns for public services with a focus on  
common problems in the various sectors and the importance of horizontal  
principles:

- Quality of jobs
- Quality of services
- Access to services

Speakers from national centres:

Auke BLAAUWBROEK, FNV, Netherlands

Kjell STRÖMBÄCK, TCO, Sweden

*16.00 Coffee break*

16.30 Continuation:  
Vit SAMEK, CMKOS, Czech Republic  
Carmen BARRERA, UGT, Spain

Discussion

18.00 **End of session**

*19.00 Dinner*

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**Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> April**

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2<sup>nd</sup> Session: The European approach and the European choices

**09.00 What is the dominant policy paradigm in the EU – Privatisation, Unbundling, and Liberalisation of Network Industries?**, Massimo FLORIO, Milan University, Italy

Discussion

*10.30 Coffee break*

**11.00 Means of financing: problems and solutions concerning compensation, state aid, public procurement, PPP, concessions, cross subsidies**,  
Antoine JACOBS, Professor, Tilburg University, The Netherlands  
Bertrand DU MARAIS, Associate Professor for Public Law, University of Paris X - Nanterre  
Carola FISCHBACH-PYTTEL, General Secretary, EPSU

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*13.00 Lunch*

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3<sup>rd</sup> Session: Public services mission and Internal Market rules

**14.30 Round table I – EC strategy and social actors' point of view**  
Bernhard FRIESS, Head of Unit Internal Market Strategy and Competitiveness, DG MARKT, EC  
Rainer PLASSMANN, Secretary General, CEEP  
Fintan FARRELL, President, Social Platform

Questions and answers

*16.00 Coffee break*

16.30 General discussion

18.00 **End of session**

*19.00 Dinner*

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**Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> April**

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**4<sup>th</sup> Session: Common Trade Union approach for the SGI – What are the possible instruments, which content, which actions to take?**

What are the consequences for a future ETUC policy for sustainable public services? Is a horizontal instrument still necessary and possible? What kind of new instruments do we need? Do we have to wait for the ratification end or can we ask for a regulation right now? What should be the impact on existing legal instruments?

**09.00 The ECJ and the public services (the notion of general interest and public services; relations between the internal market and public service missions), Séverine PICARD, ETUC**

Discussion

*10.30 Coffee break*

**11.00 European Federations point of view:**  
Carola FISCHBACH-PYTTEL, EPSU  
Sabine TRIER, ETF  
Jackie ARCHES, UNI-EUROPA

**12.00 Presentation of the Policy declaration and the action plan, Józef NIEMIEC, ETUC**

Discussion

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*13.00 Lunch*

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**5<sup>th</sup> Session: The future of services of general economic interest and general interest in the context of a single market with a strong social dimension**

**14.30 Round table II - A political debate**

with:

Davor DOMINKUS, Director General of the Social Affairs Directorate,  
Ministry of Labour, Family and Social Affairs, Slovenian Presidency  
Joel HASSE FERREIRA, Socialist Group, European Parliament  
Jacques TOUBON, MEP, EPP, European Parliament

Discussion

**16.00 Conclusion, Józef NIEMIEC, ETUC Confederal Secretary**

**17.00 End of session**

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