



Save the Date

European Thematic Meeting Socially responsible Public Procurement for Social Services

- **Date:** Thursday, 17th October 2019
- **Start Time – End Time:** 9h – 16h45
- **Venue:** Rue Guimard 1, 1000 Bruxelles

Languages: English, French, German, Italian

The social services sector is **one of Europe's biggest job creators**, employing over 10 million staff, with around 1.7 million new jobs created in a decade.

In all European countries, national, regional and local authorities have responsibility for the provision of social services, including for older persons, persons with disabilities and children. In most, if not all EU countries, **public authorities prefer to contract out the service provision to not-for-profit and for-profit providers**. As such, **public procurement** is becoming an increasingly important way to fund such services for the citizens.

In 2014, the European Union agreed on a new set of **EU Public Procurement rules**, which regulate how public authorities can contract out services they cannot, or do not wish to provide themselves. Whilst there are some promising practices, there have been cases where managing authorities use procurement practices to **cut costs**, rather than to **improve the quality** of the social services provided. At the same time, public authorities have the power to use procurement to create better working conditions and protect the rights of workers and communities.

This **European Meeting, co-organised by the Social Employers and EPSU**, will aim to identify what can be done at European level to **promote socially responsible public procurement in the field of social services**, meaning how to make sure quality criteria and social clauses are considered in the process, instead of cost criteria alone.



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Speakers and participants will include representatives of Employers and Trade Unions, as well as from European Institutions.

The draft agenda of the event is available below.

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Registration deadline is **2nd of October 2019**.

The DialogueS project has a small budget for reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs. For further information, contact the organisers.

We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels!

Agenda

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Timing	Agenda Item No.	Agenda Item	Chair/Speaker
9h00		Registration and coffee	
9h30	1	Introduction: Contextualisation, Objectives, Planned Outcomes	Gregor Tomschizek, President, Federation of European Social Employers Maryvonne Nicolle, CFDT Santé Services Sociaux, France + President EPSU SC HSS (tbc)
10h00	2	Public Procurement in Social Services: perspectives from the European Union. - EU Public Procurement Directive, current state of its implementation & EU guide on socially responsible public procurement Q&A (15 mins)	Luca Scarpiello, Policy Staff, EPSU Anna Lupi, DG GROW – Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs, European Commission
11h00		Coffee Break	
11h30	3	Public Procurement in Social Services: perspectives from research and Social Dialogue - Facts and Figures on Public Procurement in Social Services, European Association for Information on Local Development (aeidl) - Public Procurement from a Social Dialogue perspective, Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) Q&A (15 mins)	Chaired by N.N. Valentina Caimi, Team Leader Leonardo Ebner, Policy Officer
12h30		Lunch	

13h30	4	<p>The impact of the implementation of the EU Public Procurement Directive in Social Services: insights from social partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPSU affiliate - EPSU affiliate - Social Employers affiliate - Social Employers affiliate <p>Q&A (15 mins)</p>	<p>Chaired by Paola Panzeri, Policy Staff, EPSU</p> <p>Stefano Sabato, FP CGIL (IT)</p> <p>Michiel Kooijman, ActiZ (NL)</p> <p>Eveliina Vigelius, Hyvinvointiala HALI (FI)</p>
14h30	5	<p>Socially Responsible Public Procurement Practices, national level examples</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EPSU affiliate - EPSU affiliate - Social Employers affiliate - Social Employers affiliate <p>Q&A (15 mins)</p>	<p>Chaired by Alina Pavicevac, Social Employers</p> <p>Lukas Kevin, UNISON coordinator of Care Workers for Change Campaign</p> <p>Diana Chiriacescu, FONSS (RO)</p>
15h30		Coffee Break	
16h00	6	<p>Jointly identifying challenges & opportunities and establishing next steps</p> <p>Discussion</p>	<p>Sylvain Renouvel, Social Employers</p> <p>Luca Scarpiello, EPSU</p>
16h30	7	Concluding remarks	<p>Gregor Tomschizek, Social Employers</p> <p>N.N., EPSU</p>