Save the Date

PESSIS+ Final Conference

“European Social Dialogue for the Social Services Sector – state of play and ways forward”

➤ **Date:** 27th June 2019
➤ **Start Time – End Time:** 9h00 – 17h30
➤ **Venue:** EESC, Rue Belliard 99-101, 1000 Brussels

**Languages:** English, French, German, Italian, Spanish

The social services sector is one of Europe's biggest job creators, employing over 10 million staff with around 2 million new jobs created in a decade. With changing demographics and family patterns, the sector is expected to further grow significantly over the next few decades.

Despite its economic and social significance, the social services sector is still not effectively represented in European Social Dialogue. The PESSIS+ project supported the Federation of European Social Employers in their ambition to change this - by strengthened their capacity to take part in those structures.

PESSIS+ also helped to further understand how social dialogue is organised across Europe and to explore needs and challenges of employers and workforce in the sector. This was achieved through extensive research and stakeholder meetings, both at national and EU level.

The final conference will reveal the latest research findings on the state of play of social dialogue in different EU countries, assess the outcomes of the European technical seminars and reflect on the next steps towards a meaningful social dialogue that can cater the needs of the social services sector in Europe.

This event will bring together a wide range of stakeholders, including representatives of employers and trade unions, European institutions and civil society organisations.

The PESSIS+ project has a small budget for reimbursement of travel and subsistence costs. Contact the organisers for further information.

**Please register by 7th June via this link.**

**We look forward to seeing you in Brussels!**
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**DRAFT Agenda**

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| 09:30 – 10:00 | Welcoming remarks  
| | Objectives and achievements of the PESSIS + project from an Employer perspective  
| | - Sylvain Renouvel, Director, Social Employers  
| | Objectives and achievements of the PESSIS+ project from a Trade Union perspective  
| | - Maryvonne Nicolle, CFDT-Santé & Services Sociaux, President of EPSU Standing Committee “Health and Social Services” |
| 10:00 – 11:00 | Current state of play of social dialogue in the EU social services sector  
| | - Presentation of an updated European report, Jane Lethbridge, PSIRU  
| | - Highlights from the 4 country reports (Cyprus, Denmark, Latvia, Luxembourg), presented by the researchers  
| | *Moderated by Mathias Maucher, Policy Staff “Health and Social Services”, EPSU* |
| 11:00 – 11:30 | **COFFEE BREAK**                                                                                 |
| 11:30 – 12:15 | Social Employers Observatory: Presentation of research on main characteristics of workforce in the social services sector  
| | - Introduction by Sylvain Renouvel, Chair of the Social Employers Observatory  
| | - Presentation of the report by Frédéric Turlan, Manager IRshare  
| | *Moderated by Alina Pavičevac, Policy & Project Officer, Social Employers* |
| 12:15 – 12:45 | Digitalisation and recruitment and retention: Presentation of the Technical Seminar outcomes and next steps. How can we build on the Technical Seminars and previous work done?  
| | - Presentation of the statement  
| | - Discussion on the next steps  
<p>| | <em>Moderated by Luca Scarpiello, Policy Assistant for Social Services, Digitalisation and Tax Justice, EPSU</em> |</p>
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| 13:45 – 15:00 | Taking stock of achievements during the project and perspectives  
What are the challenges for the sector and for the establishment of an effective social dialogue in social services?  
What is the Added Value of European Social Dialogue? Discussion on the experiences of current social partners in European Social Dialogue.  
- National employers’ organisation: Stéphane Racz, Nexem  
- National trade union organisation: Dietmar Erdmeier, ver.di, Germany  
- National employers’ organisation tbc  
- National trade union organisation: Maria Hansson, Kommunal, Sweden  
- National employers’ organisation tbc  

_Moderated by Jiří Horecký, Vice-President, Social Employers_

| 15:00 – 15:15 | COFFEE BREAK                                                                  |
| 15:15 – 16:00 | How can the European institutions strengthen working conditions in the social services sector?  
- Jörg Tagger/Sigried Casper, Head/Deputy Head Social Dialogue Unit, DG EMPL, European Commission (tbc)  
- N.N./Stefano Martinelli, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Luca Jahier, European Economic and Social Committee (tbc)  
- Deputy Chairperson, Social Protection Committee (SPC) (tbc)  

_Moderated by Social Employers representative_

| 16:00 – 16:30 | What are the next steps for our sector in European Social Dialogue?  
Conclusions and remarks by  
- Penny Clarke, Deputy Secretary General, EPSU  
- Gregor Tomschizek, President, Social Employers |
| 16:30 – 17:30 | ENDING RECEPTION                                                               |