

Draft agenda

“Challenging the liberalisation of public services in TTIP and beyond”

Training seminar organised by EPSU, ETUCE, AK and ÖGB

15-16 January 2015, ÖGB offices, Vienna

Thursday 15 January

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| 09:00 – 09:30 | Registration |
| 09:30 – 09:45 | <p>Opening Session and Words of Welcome
 EPSU (Penny Clarke), ETUCE (Agnes Roman), AK (Nikolai Soukup) and GdG-Kmsb / ÖGB (Thomas Kattnig)</p> |
| 09:45 – 10:45 | <p>Why is trade policy important for workers and public services?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the key legal issues Thomas Fritz, Power Shift Germany • Q&A and discussion |
| 10:45 – 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 – 12:30 | <p>How are trade unions responding?
 Panel debate and Q&A on trade union strategies moderated by Nikolai Soukup AK with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Danny Bertossa, PSI • Louise Hoj Larsen ETUCE • Larry Brown NUPGE, Canada • Angela Pfister OGB, Austria |
| 12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 – 15.30 | <p>Working group sessions
 Exchange in groups on key developments regarding liberalisation in our sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is liberalization / commercialization affecting the sectors we organize (health, social services, education, water...)? Please give examples. • How are unions responding? • What are the perspectives for trade union / civil society positions on liberalization / trade policy and actions? |
| 15:30 – 15:45 | Coffee break |
| 15:45 – 16:15 | Report back from working groups and discussion |
| 16:15 – 17:30 | <p>What next on CETA?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of next steps in the EU and Canada (Larry Brown and Daniele Basso ETUC) • Q&A and discussion |
| 17:30 | Close of first day |
| 19.00 | Joint dinner |

Friday 16 January

- 09:00 – 10:30 **Strategies to Safeguard Quality Public Services in trade agreements. What are the lobbying and mobilization strategies on TTIP, CETA, TiSA etc?**
Panel debate moderated by Pablo Sanchez with:
- Pia Eberhardt Corporate Europe
 - Jörg Leichtfried MEP
 - Emma Woodford European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
 - Daniele Basso ETUC
- 10:30 – 10:45 Coffee Break
- 10:45 – 12:15 **Working group sessions**
Exchange in groups on developing national and sectoral action plans to safeguard public services in trade agreements
- 12:15 – 12:45 Report back from working groups and discussion
- 12:45 – 13:15 **Close of seminar**
Summary of discussion, conclusions and next steps (Louise Hoj Larsen ETUCE and Penny Clarke EPSU)