



INVITATION

Round Table between EPSU affiliates and Members of the European Parliament

WHEN?

- Date: Wednesday, 9 November 2011
- Time: Starting at 17h00, ending about 18h30. The meeting will be followed by a standing reception with something to drink and eat in front of the meeting room

WHERE?

- European Parliament
- Room: ASP 1E1
- Entrance: Altiero Spinnelli building, Place Luxembourg side

WHAT?

- The European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU) intends to broaden and intensify its work with the European Parliament, one of the key players of European policy making, by strongly involving its affiliates active in the health and social service sector from all across Europe.
- To start of this process that EPSU has received support from two eminent Members of the European Parliament, Sirpa Pietikäinen and Pervenche Berès that have kindly accepted to host a Round Table to allow for exchange and discussion between EPSU members and interested MEP. To be followed by a get-together in the EP.

CO-HOSTS

- Sirpa Pietikäinen, EPP Group, Finland, member of ENVI Committee
- Pervenche Berès, S&D Group, France, chairperson of EMPL Committee

ISSUES IN THE SPOTLIGHT

- Patient mobility and patients' rights in cross-border healthcare (Directive 2011/24/EU). This has been a priority topic for the falling into the competence of the ENVI Committee
- Social services of general interest including elderly/long-term care. This is an EPSU priority within the remit of the EMPL Committee
- Recognition of professional qualifications (Directive 2005/36/EC). This has been a topic under the Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the Hospital/Health Care Sector and is being dealt with in the EP by the IMCO Committee

PARTICIPANTS

- EPSU: The invitation is addressed to all affiliates of EPSU, in particular those active in the field of health care and social services, and to all MEP interested in meeting and exchanging with them.
- EP: We aim to particularly involve MEP members or substitutes in the ENVI (Environment, Public Health and Food Safety), EMPL (Employment and Social Affairs), IMCO (Internal Market and Consumer Protection) Committees and/or active in one of the four Intergroups "Public Services", "Carers", "Active Ageing and Intergenerational Solidarity" and "Social Economy".

REGISTRATION

Please register with Ginette Dewolf, gdewolf@epsu.org, the latest **until Wednesday, 26 October 2011** and preferably by using the participation form attached. For those not having permanent access to the European Parliament, we need the full name, number of identity card/passport and date of birth. You'll find it on our webpage, <http://www.epsu.org/a/7810>.