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in Local and Regional Government
Plenary meeting
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1. Follow up to the conference 3 June 2008 and study: “*supporting the reform process in local and regional government: joint evaluation of the experience in different forms of service provision*”

The feedback from the conference was generally positive, and members stressed the following points:

- the seemingly permanent nature of restructuring in the sector
- The importance of monitoring and evaluating both public and private service provision on an on-going basis from a quality perspective
- The need for adequate resources and commitment to develop social dialogue processes, in particular at local level
- The different roles and needs of trade unions and employers in restructuring processes
- The committee adopted the proposed conclusions. These will be sent in the next weeks to all members together with the report (in English, French and German).

2. Next steps regarding the multi-sectoral initiative on third party violence

In terms of next steps, CEMR underlined their interest in sharing information and experiences on how third party-violence is tackled in the different countries but did not feel in a position, at the moment at least, to commit to a multisectoral initiative in follow up to the cross-sectoral agreement. In EPSU's view such an exchange would be useful but more fruitful if it took place in the framework of commonly agreed principles.

It was noted that the Commission will organize a further meeting on 4 July to allow interested sectors to discuss further the different options. A report on this meeting will be circulated. It was also noted that the UK and Danish social partners will include third-party violence in implementing the cross-sectoral agreement. Social partners agreed that what ever the outcome of the multisectoral initiative, it would be useful for the working group meeting planned for 2 October to focus on the issue of third-party violence.

3. Implementation of CEMR/EPSU work programme: review and planning for coming months

_ New joint project on promoting social dialogue in new Member States: The project has been accepted by the European Commission. Further details will follow, but members should note that the workshop is planned for 11 December (aimed in particular at colleagues from Slovakia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania and Bulgaria) and plenary meeting (all members) for the 12 December, in Bratislava.

_ working group October 2 Steering group meeting

_ working group October 28 (date tbc): violence at work

_ Working group and plenary: 11 and 12 December, Bratislava

4. Any other business

Participants were informed that Cristina Sosa will be leaving CEMR in August. The Committee thanked her for her contribution and wished her well for the future.