

## **European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee in Local and Regional Government**

**Steering Group meeting, 6 October 2006, Brussels**

### Present:

Anders Hammarback, Joelle Bernard, Dan Nielsen, Penny Clarke (apologies Jose Manuel Marques and Guida Correira) for EPSU  
Ake Hillman, Claes-Hakan Jacobson, Jorma Palola, Kelvin Scorer,  
Angelika Poth-Mogele, Asli Ozceri for CEMR  
Francois Ziegler, Anneli Silpaana for the EC

### **1. Joint project on evaluating the experience in different forms of service provision**

We confirmed that this would be submitted by CEMR for 1 March 2006. We agreed that we should keep the second stage of the research relatively open, so that we can take into account the findings of the first stage (which will be discussed at a workshop, probably September, as part of our 'normal' social dialogue meetings).

Asli and Penny to finalise application; EC (Francois and Anneli) will help with any points.

We discussed also whether the project should be raised at the meeting on 31 October. We thought that it could be useful by way of information – to encourage members to start thinking about case studies etc.

Francois/Anneli will also see if the EMCC (European Monitoring Centre for Change, based in the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions in Dublin) might be available to present some of the work they are doing on restructuring as a way of introduction to the discussion.

### **2. Joint statement on social dialogue**

We recalled the objective of the statement, which is to stimulate social dialogue at national level, both in the new Member States and in some of the "old" Member States where social dialogue in LRG sector is lacking.

CEMR is working on a response to the draft EPSU paper, which was circulated after the EPSU meeting on 2 October.

We agreed that the meeting on 31 October should discuss both the EPSU and CEMR texts, in an open way, and that a small group (2 each side?) could meet after the 31<sup>st</sup> to draw up the joint text to put to the plenary on 29 November.

The date of 14 November was pencilled in for the drafting meeting.

### 3. Questionnaire on social dialogue national leueur

We discussed the circulated text, especially on what statistics we should ask for (and bearing in mind that the Commission will probably update in 2008 the existing representativity study).

We agreed that the questions on social dialogue/collective bargaining issues were the most important.

Asli/Penny to finalise questionnaire, and to send out. Questions may differ slightly for EPSU and CEMR members.

### 4. Agenda for plenary 29 November 2006

The agenda will include:

- Discussion and adoption of the joint statement on social dialogue
- Presentation by Commission on the Green Paper on labour law (and also the flexi-security consultation)
- Mixed CEMR/EPSU working groups to have a first discussion on the Green Paper on labour law
- Follow-up to meeting of 31 October on demographic change

#### Timetable:

EPSU/CEMR preparatory 09h00 – 10h00 (EPSU in meeting room)

Plenary 10h15 – 16h00

#### Languages

EN, FR, DE, SV, ES, +one to add?)

Francois stressed the importance of starting on time and using all languages requested.

### 5. Social dialogue dates for 2007

We made suggestions for possible dates. The Commission will come back to us with exact dates by end of year.

February (week number 6)	working group on demographic change
April (week number 17)	working group on gender equality
31 May or 1 June	working group (agenda to define)
September (week number 38)	plenary “workshop” on joint study
November (week number 45)	working group on capacity building / restructuring NMS
December (week number 50)	plenary

