



European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee in Local and Regional Government

Brief report of steering group meeting 9 March, CEMR offices

1. Update on upcoming CEMR General Assembly and EPSU Congress

We noted the different issues on the agenda, both organisations will discuss impact of economic crisis.

2. Financial and economic crisis

We discussed the elements that we could put into a joint statement and wrote these points up after the meeting. The statement has now been distributed. We also discussed the possibility of requesting the EMCC (European Monitoring Centre on Change) to prepare some information for us on job losses etc. A first contact on this has since been made (to Donald Storrie) and needs to be followed up.

We also prepared for the workshop on this subject, and linked to follow-up of our restructuring project, on 30 March.

3. Joint project on promoting social dialogue in the New Member States (final phase of the project and follow-up of Bratislava meetings 11 and 12 December 2008). We made some comments on the draft report from Lionel Fulton LRD. These were passed on to Lionel and we are now waiting for the revised report.

4. Joint response to the Commission's consultation on EU sectoral social dialogue.

As Francois was not able to join us we did not discuss this item. To note, we will take part in extraordinary liaison forum on 27 April.

5. Joint CEMR/EPSU work programme for 2009: exchange of views on issues within the social dialogue committee and planning for next meetings

- ✓ Report on working group on integration of migrants (4 March) – report to follow
- ✓ Working group on economic crisis / restructuring of public services (30 March) – report to follow
- ✓ Preparations for June (date???) plenary and possible content. To note, we still have not date yet for this
- ✓ Update on multi-sectoral initiative on third party violence. Management committee met on 24 March – note to follow
- ✓ First exchange regarding working group on social specifications in public procurement (9 October). We didn't discuss this, to come back to.
- ✓ Exchange on views on next project to promote social dialogue. We discussed briefly the idea of decentralised workshops, not necessarily linked to the plenary meeting like last year. Issues could include quality / efficiency of services, diversity, economic crisis...