



## European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee on Local and Regional Governments

Plenary meeting 10 November 2107  
Draft minutes

---

### 1. Welcome and announcements

The meeting was opened by the two co-chair, Malin Looberger (CEMR) and Mads Samsing (EPSU).

### 2. Minutes of the working group meeting on 5 May 2017

It was proposed to add a reference in point 4 of the minutes on the quality guidelines to say that these had been drawn up by a working group composed of CEMR and EPSU members.

With this addition the minutes were adopted.

### 3. Adoption of the revised CEMR-EPSU Guidelines on Gender Equality

The revised Guidelines were adopted, with a proposal to review towards the end of 2018 Annex V (on national legislative frameworks) and to discuss and include good practice examples.

### 4. Update on the current initiatives in the field of employment, social affairs and inclusion:

A brief update was given by **Stefano Martinelli** (DG EMPL) on the following items (see [ppt](#)):

- European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR)
- Social partners' consultations on a revision of the Written Statement Directive
- Social partners' consultations on access to social protection
- European Labour Authority
- Gothenburg Social Summit for Fair Jobs and Growth

The endorsement given to the 20 principles on the EPSR is an important step, even if much is left open in terms of implementation to the Member States and social partners. There are downwards trends in terms of social and economic convergence, even if data is not readily available for the LRG sector.

On the work-life balance package, **Irma Krysiak**, DG Employment European Commission gave a presentation to the Committee on the content of the package and in particular the latest developments regarding the legislative proposals. Discussions within the Council have been difficult on some issues.

In the debate the following points were raised:

- The relationship between individual and family rights. Encouraging men's take up of leaves is an important objective of the package.
- How to ensure adequate investment in high quality, affordable and accessible childcare and eldercare services, e.g. ensuring the risk of needing long-term care is included in social protection systems
- The need for work-life balance policies to support strategies regarding women's rights and '*more and better jobs*' for women (and men)
- The importance of the package for the LRG Committee given the high level of women's employment in the sector and also the provision of care services

The Committee agreed to follow developments in the Council.

**5. Debate and agreement on the SSDC Work Programme 2018-2019**

The proposed work programme for 2018-2019 was adopted.

**6. State of the joint CEMR-EPUSU project proposal "Localising the European Semester"**

An update was given regarding the project content and timeline (see [ppt](#))

**7. A.O.B.**

Dates of meetings in 2018

- Working group 22 March
- Project seminar 23 March, Namur
- Working group 6 September
- Plenary 7 December
- Date to follow for the second project seminar, Copenhagen