

PESSIS 3 Promoting employers' social services in social dialogue

NATIONAL HALF-DAY MEETING IN CZECH REPUBLIC

PROJECT PESSIS III, WP 3

EUROPEAN SOCIAL DIALOGUE & PESSIS I, II

Date:	24th February 2016, 15:00	
Place:	Meeting room at the headquarters of UZS ČR, Na Pankráci 30, 140 00 Praha 4	
Participants:	Ing. Jiří Horecký, Ph.D., MBA Conny Reuter PhDr. Pavel Čáslava Mgr. Petr Hanuš Bc. Vít Jásek Ing. Ivana Břeňková Bc. Dagmar Žitníková Bc. Marcela Holčáková Lucie Kučírková Mgr. Magda Dohnalová	APSS ČR, UZS ČR (Employer Union) Solidar APSS ČR (Employer Union) APSS ČR (Employer Union) UZS ČR (Employer Union) OSZSP ČR (Trade Union) OSZSP ČR (Trade Union) OSZSP ČR (Trade Union) OSZSP ČR (Trade Union) OSZSP ČR (Trade Union) APSS ČR (Employer Union)

The first national meeting of the project PESSIS III took place on February 24, 2016. The project is focused on the European social dialogue.

Jiří Horecký introduced all involved participants in the beginning. Then he briefly summarized the outcomes of the project PESSIS II, in which the Czech Republic was involved.

Conny Reuter from SOLIDAR first acquainted the participants with the history of the project PESSIS and reasons that led to its implementation. The overall objective of the project is to create representative platform for employers in the social services sector on European level. Within the EU, there are also issues in the sector of social services that go beyond the regional level and that must be solved in all European countries. These are issues related to free movement of labor in the EU, particularly recruitment and retention, cross-border migration of workers, but also the demands for skills and education. Therefore, it is important that member countries discuss these issues and come to a common agreement. The project should strengthen the social dialogue at national level, to help solve problems and create a platform for sharing examples of good practice in the field of social



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services, to build a joint statement with an impact on improving of EU legislation. Conny Reuter also presented the project outputs PESSIS I and II. Their goal was to explore the employers' interest in the participation in the European social dialogue. The results showed that this interest exists. The project aims to involve other European countries, including the Czech Republic.

Mrs. Břenková, Vice-President of the Trade Union of Workers in the Health and Social Care (OSZSP), prepared next presentation. In the introduction, she explained involvement of OSZSP in social dialogue at the international, European and national level. She briefly introduced all organizations, which is OSZSP involved in, what their mission is and what they strive for. OSZSP is internationally involved in the Public Services International (PSI), as well as the International Labor Organization (ILO), at European level in the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU). At the national level the representatives of OSZSP deal with the government and employers.

Jiří Horecký presented the Employers' Union (UZS), in whose premises the meeting was held, its activities in the Czech Republic and its integration into European structures.

At the end of the meeting there was a discussion, in which all participants welcomed the project activities in the Czech Republic and the representatives of all participating organizations declared their readiness to actively participate in activities of a project promoting European social dialogue.

