

PESSIS2 project – Seminar on Social Dialogue

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Objectives: Taking into account outcomes of *national roadmaps towards European Social Dialogue* and *European Level Meetings*, the Seminar aimed to build the first steps of an agreed strategy towards the setting up of European social dialogue structures for the concerned sector. The Strategy will be further discussed and finalised during the project's final conference.

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Presentation of National Roadmaps towards European Social Dialogue (National Partners in AU, BE, GER, FR, NDL)

AUSTRIA

See National Outcome Austria

BELGIUM

See National Outcome Belgium

FRANCE

See National Outcome France

NETHERLANDS

See National Outcome the Netherlands

GERMANY

See National Outcome Germany

Presentation of Outcome of European level meetings on 4 Options

See European Outcome

Discussion on National and European Outcomes

EPSU would like to know the scope of our sector, who we cover. In September, EPSU's members will need to know with whom they may have to exchange with in the future and who is behind. It is also important to define what topics we would like to cover but this comes once the scope has been defined.

CEEP informed that our sector was welcome to join CEEP. HOSPEEM is still observing the process, and is open to dialogue. However, it is key to see wait until scope has been better defined before further discussion. CEMR agreed that it was indeed important to wait till we know what topics we precisely have in common.

Conclusions and Next Steps

Based on the outcomes from the five involved countries (action 2), as well as from the outcome of the discussions made at European level (action 3), it was agreed that some sort of consensus seems to have emerged, which would be to focus on the creation of a sectoral committee for the social services sector, whilst also respecting the opinions expressed in each national outcome, with particular attention on those in the Netherlands. There also appears to be consensus on the need to participate in cross-sectoral social dialogue, possibly through the work of CEEP.

In terms of scope, two main group of categories emerge as most welcomed, both (1) long-term care and support and (2) Elderly, Child and Disability care.

Scope, combination:

- Long term care and support
- Elderly care, child and disability sector

It was then agreed that the future steps in this project would be to find an agreement on the following topics:

- Defining the scope of our activity
- What key topics we should cover
- What future steps should be used (PESSIS3 and/or test phase)

To facilitate the response to these three topics, the following activities will be done:

- EASPD will prepare a briefing including a draft description of the scope (potentially using NACE codes), information about what topics can be picked up and what instruments could be used (update of briefing on ESD by MM and JL). The briefing will have to be translated into FR, GER and NDL.
- National project partners will disseminate briefing to national employer organisations
- National project partners will invite all Employer organisations to attend final conference in Brussels on 23rd September.