

CORPORATE PRIORITIES FOR 2017

1. Contribute to the debate on the **future of Europe**, with a “concluding debate” at the 2017 Public Services Summit.
2. Showcasing CEEP members’ practices to demonstrate the added value of public services employers and providers to society and economy, and supporting the call for **investment** in physical and social infrastructures.
3. Foster the strategic use of CEEP seat in the **REFIT Platform** and encourage public services’ providers to use the “lighten the load” initiative.
4. Reinforce the partnership with other stakeholders on **integration of refugees** (ERIAS Coalition and the Labour-INT project) and keep advocating for more flexibility for investments at local level as well as reviewing EU fiscal rules to face this new challenge.
5. Continue and potentiate the work with the **PSEF** (PSEF Work Programme), widen its members (currently: CER-CEMR-EBU-EFEE-EURELECTRIC-HOSPEEM-UITP), its scope and increasingly use it as a platform for **maximising the impact of lobby actions/communication initiatives**.
6. Sharpen the methodology of the **CEEP-CSR Label** in view of the 2018 edition and keep efforts to widen geographical and sectoral coverage.

MEETINGS AND IMPORTANT DATES

Public Services Summit 2017:

- 7 June 2017 (tbc)

Statutory meetings:

- 8 June 2017
- 13 December 2017

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<p>Further development of CEEP advocacy activities on Local public services enterprises and the EU Definition of SMEs.</p> <p>The PSB will further evolve the CEEP lobbying strategy regarding the EU SME Definition, aiming at enabling SGIs providers to enjoy a better access to the measures implemented for SMEs at EU and national level as well as a level playing field. While having in mind the long-term objective of changing the EU SME definition in order to ensure that local enterprises providing SGIs (and respecting the size and number of employees laid down by the definition) are considered as SMEs, in the short-term, the PSB will aim at limiting the impact of the existing Definition. The objective is to convince representatives of the European institutions to avoid including the (already today) purely optional Definition in any new/reviewed sectoral legislation (e.g. regarding energy efficiency legislation, VAT reform and Horizon 2020 assessment). The viability of taking judicial action should also be explored. In this context, the PSB will organise a breakfast event with Members of the European Parliament on 25 January 2017. It is supposed to help reaching out with the CEEP message in the European Parliament as a basis for further activities, including those towards the European Commission. Moreover, the Board will approach representatives of the Council of the EU as well as of other stakeholders in order to broaden the support for its lobbying efforts. In this context, a two-pager with the key messages of the longer CEEP opinion on the SME Definition will be disseminated.</p> <p>Transposition and application of EU Public Procurement Package</p> <p>Given the new Single Market Strategy (new initiatives foreseen in 2017-2018), the PSB will continue to take a proactive stance regarding the transposition and application</p>	<p>Social Dialogue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Follow-up of the EU Social Partners work programme 2015-2017 including activities on reconciliation of work, private and family life and reducing the gender pay gap, skills needs in digital economies, capacity building and better implementation outcomes and active-ageing and intergenerational solidarity. Already planned activities: Joint fact-finding seminar on work-life balance, approval of the autonomous framework agreement on active-ageing and joint seminar on digitalisation. • New start for Social Dialogue – Follow-up of the Juncker initiative of March 2016 through a range of new activities including new consultations with the Employment committee of the EPSCO Council and close work with the European Commission Vice-president Valdis Dombrovskis and Commissioner Marianne Thyssen on relevant EU initiatives. • Initiation of the new EU Social Partners programme for integrated projects on the European Semester, the European Social Fund and capacity building for Social Dialogue, Employee training and digitalisation, including lifelong learning strategies in enterprises. The first activity is a Joint fact finding seminar on digitalisation on 14 February 2017. <p>General activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing work on the Pillar of Social Rights after the end of the public consultation on 31 December 2016. This will include a high-level conference on the 23 January taking stock of the Public consultation and constant attention on the final nature of the Pillar of Social rights initiative. • With the support of the virtual expert group for gender equality, follow-up of the Commission's roadmap for gender equality including the Commission's work 	<p>Digitalisation of Public Services</p> <p>Continuation of the CEEP work on the digitalisation of public services initiated in 2016 by the digitalisation working group. Three aspects should get particular attention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The impact of digitalisation on the behaviour and the demand of consumers, given technological advances (e.g. IoT) and new expectations/needs that are coming from information that is not necessarily provided by traditional SGIs providers, but from a multitude of exchanges, facilitated themselves also by digitalisation (social media etc.); In the context of changes in governance models, new concepts such as “prosumer” can be quoted. • Digitalisation moves the limitations of technologies by bringing higher effectiveness and by facilitating operations such as maintenance or customer service; It is present in the whole value chain and can allow, above all, solutions that respond to customer expectations as well as bring both cost reduction and increase in quality. • Digitalisation can equally and profoundly change the relationships between stakeholders, between producer and consumer, between employer and employee, between local authorities and the enterprises in charge of providing SGIs. The attitude towards work can change considerably. Moreover, the availability of big data and the capacity to process or to use it can also cause new and untapped sectors and potentials (e.g. blockchains). <p>However, it also has its downside as the digital revolution brings along a multiplication of cyber risks, may they be linked to wilful misconduct or not. More than ever, a systematic approach is indispensable in order to understand and master the new risks, being the downside of the achieved progress and opportunities. Equally important is to ensure that lifelong learning strategies at the national level</p>

of the public procurement rules. The analysis of the responses to the questionnaire which had been sent to members in 2016 in order to create a comparative table on how CEEP's key priorities have been transposed in the different Member States will be finalized as most of them had transposed the Package by the end of 2016. Based on members' input, a simplified table that compares the results for different Member States should be produced in order to best convey the CEEP messages. This analysis should be completed until the first PSB meeting in order to disseminate it afterwards to EU policy makers.

State Aid

Following the adoption of the CEEP opinion on the State Aid Modernisation agenda, the PSB will disseminate the opinion and aim at further influencing the European debates on State Aid.

Next steps on VAT reform

Following the adoption of CEEP opinion on VAT reform, the PSB will carefully follow possible upcoming legislative proposals, including measures specifically dedicated to SMEs as well as potential reforms of VAT rates.

Preparation of CEEP CSR Label 2018

The PSB will support the overall CEEP priority to prepare and further evolve the CEEP CSR Label in 2017 in view of the next awarding procedure in 2018.

Meetings

- 4 April 2017 (possible guests to be contacted: Eurochambres, Maltese Council Presidency)
- 14 November 2017

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programme item "New start for working parents" (legislative and non-legislative) and follow-up of the recommendation on strengthening the principle of equal pay between men and women through transparency (also an item in the EU social Partners work-programme 2015-2017).

- In the 2017 Commission's work programme – **Follow-up of the EC new initiatives on work-life balance faced by working families** (legislative/non-legislative), **on access to social protection** (legislative/non-legislative), **and on the implementation of the Working Time Directive** (non-legislative).
- General Support and participation to the **joint EU social Partners projects and to CEEP specific projects in Social Affairs**

Meetings

- 20 February 2017 (SDC 21 February)
- 27 June 2017 (SDC 28 June)
- 26 September 2017 (SDC 27 September and AGS consultation 28 September)

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are adapted to the deep structural changes brought by digitalisation.

The way how these new risks are dealt with probably requires new approaches, routed more in the resilience of the systems that, after a failure, allows to quickly restore a quality service, as well as in the traditional resistance of systems exposed to risks that, by definition, evolve continuously. Finally, the question of the cost of resilience that is less easy to be individualised, needs to be outlined with, e.g., insurance companies.

Associated to these technological developments, new jobs will require new skills while their development should follow customer expectations.

Sustainable Urban Development

Continuation of the CEEP work on sustainable urban development in order to provide input for a cross-sectoral and coherent approach at European level, showcasing the crucial contribution of public services' providers to sustainable development in its three dimensions (economic, environmental and social).

Meetings

- 8 February
- 10 to 12 October (tbc)

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<p>Continuous work on (future) Trade Agreements and the safeguard of services of general interest</p> <p>Regulatory policy of the EU and its possible effects on services of general interest (SGIs) (REFIT)</p> <p>Update of Acquis+</p> <p>Strengthening of the role of local authorities as actor of services of general interest until 2030</p> <p>Contribution to the Internal Market Task Force's work on the revision of the State Aid legislation regarding SGIs</p> <p>Contribution to the Sustainability Board's work on the digitalisation of public services regarding SGIs</p> <p>Contribution to the Social Affairs Board's work on the Pillar of Social Rights regarding SGIs</p>	<p>Revision of EU State Aid legislation, in particular in view of EU State Aid Modernisation Agenda</p> <p>EU VAT Action Plan: Monitoring of next steps and continuous input to EU institution's activity on VAT</p>	<p>Explore the opportunities for an EU-funded or CEEP co-developed project on new management models in local public services enterprises in Europe.</p> <p>In order to support the follow-up on the CSES SME Study, enhance the lack of data regarding the organization, the shareholders, the funding schemes, the innovation potential, etc. of local public services enterprises.</p> <p>A questionnaire will be disseminated during the 1st semester to the Local Enterprises TF members in order to collect data on the corporate governance legislation of local public services enterprises.</p>	<p>Follow-up for the implementation of the New Skills Agenda for Europe - The Agenda aims at promoting skills development, including the mutual recognition of qualifications, supporting vocational training and higher education</p> <p>Support in the rolling out of the CEEP-ETUC-EFEE-ETUCE project on investment in education</p> <p>Follow-up of the Employer's project on cost-effectiveness of apprenticeship schemes and TU's project and of the European Alliance for Apprenticeship</p> <p>Support in developing CEEP's key messages on Lifelong Learning in particular in the joint activities with the TU namely the joint</p>	<p>Follow-up of the REFIT process on Occupational Health and Safety Legislation on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work and 23 related Directives with the aim of increasing its effectiveness and efficiency</p> <p>Follow-up of the European Agency EU OSHA's work programme (2018/19 EU-OSHA campaign will focus on "carcinogens & mutagens" and esp. related occupational health hazards (e.g. carcinogenic substances)</p> <p>Support in developing CEEP's key messages on Lifelong Learning in particular in the joint activities with the TU namely the joint</p>	<p>Follow-up of the European Semester including CEEP's positions on the Macroeconomic Dialogue, the Country reports, the Country specific recommendations and the AGS</p> <p>Support SAB in the definition of the future Pillar of Social Rights – with a specific focus on Benchmarking in the framework of the EU semester</p> <p>Continue the work on Investment for Public services at all levels with relevant interventions in conferences and specific consultation</p> <p>Follow-up of the future white paper on the future of Europe (first semester 2017) and on the future steps to complete the EMU.</p>	<p>Vigilance on the further steps of the IORP dossier and on the empowerment of the European insurance and occupational pensions authority (EIOPA)</p> <p>Analysing developments as the PEPP (Pan-European Pensions Product), RESAVER (Retirement savings Vehicle for European Research Institutions) and TTYPE (Track Your Pension) regarding their impact on the position of a Social Partner</p> <p>Follow-up of CEEP's statements to the Social Protection Committee (SPC) of the Council</p> <p>General support of SAB's messages regarding social security and Pensions reform</p>	<p>Contribution of the Communications Task Force to the cross-sectoral work of the Sustainability Board on the digitalisation of public services, especially on digital skills, big data, digitalisation of economy</p> <p>Regulation on audiovisual media services, eCommunications Code legislative process, copyright</p>	<p>Commission proposals related to Energy Union and legislative follow-up with European Parliament and Council, in particular regarding:</p> <p>Electricity market design</p> <p>Renewable energy legislation</p> <p>Energy efficiency legislation</p> <p>Energy Union Governance</p> <p>Review of role of the Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)</p>	<p>Circular Economy Strategy: Implementation of the Commission Action Plan</p> <p>Continuous input to waste legislation review</p> <p>Review of EU Nature legislation</p> <p>Review of REACH Regulation</p>	<p>Implementation of Commission strategy for low-emission mobility</p> <p>Overall contribution of transport sector to Energy Union</p> <p>E-mobility</p> <p>Road Package, among others review of Eurovignette Directive</p> <p>Urban mobility</p> <p>Cooperative Intelligent Transport Systems (C-ITS)</p> <p>Passenger rights</p>	<p>Protection of Water Resources: Reviews of the Drinking Water Directive, the Water Framework Directive as well as the Nitrates Directive; Input to the Environment Task Force's work on the review of the REACH Regulation</p> <p>Participation and Transparency: Contribution to reflection on further development of the CEEP CSR Label and its links to the EU ECO-Label</p> <p>Accountability and Benchmarking: Input to Circular Economy Strategy regarding water related issues (water reuse; concrete implementation, e.g. biomethane</p>

			project on Employee training. This may involve further joint statement and declarations.								production from water depuration plants) Innovation & Development: Continuous CEEP input to OECD Water Governance Initiative, in particular regarding the CEEP involvement in the OECD Working Groups on Indicators and Best practices Sustainability & Economics: CEEP involvement in CIS-process, among others within ad hoc Working Group on Water Reuse and input to upcoming Commission proposal for a regulation on minimum quality requirements for reused water
Meetings 3 Apr 2017 7 Jul 2017 24 Nov 2017	Meetings	Meetings	Meetings	Meetings	Meetings	Meetings	Meetings April (tbc) October (tbc)	Meetings 9 March 23/26/30 June (tbc) 18-20 Oct (tbc)	Meetings 7 February 8 June 10-12 Oct(tbc)	Meetings 9 March 28-30 Jun (tbc) 18/19Oct (tbc)	Meetings 7 February 9 June 9-11 Oct (tbc)
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