

Overview activities Eurofedop Activities 01.2009 – 10.2010



HFE: Future of Healthcare in Europe exhibition at the European Parliament

Brussels, 05-09.01.2009

Under the patronage of MEP Elizabeth Lynne, Health First Europe (HFE) has concluded an exhibition at the premises of the European Parliament. Held between 5-9 January 2009, the exhibition had the aim of rising awareness on the future of health in Europe.



Report Postal Services - COM(2008) 884 final

Thursday 15 January 2009

REPORT FROM THE COMMISSION TO THE COUNCIL AND THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT on the application of the Postal Directive (Directive 97/67/EC as amended by Directive 2002/39/EC)

1. Background and purpose of this report
2. The importance of postal services and their changing role
3. The application of the postal directive and regulatory developments
4. Market trends
5. The market impact of the Postal Directive
6. Conclusions



Seminar SINDIKATA UPRAVE SRBIJE

Belgrade (Serbia), 29-30.01.2009

Njegoš Potežica, president of the Trade Union for Employees in State Administration of Serbia and also member of the Executive Committee of Eurofedop, will organise for the third year in a row a seminar for the benefit of his fellow trade union members, delegates in the public service.

Europe, the European Union, is a subject to be followed by the public service trade union in Belgrade.



New jobs and new skills in the Telecommunications and Postal Services

Brussels, 12-13.02.2009

With this title, the European Foundation in Dublin and a consortium under the leadership of TNO have performed a study ordered by the European Commission DG EMPL, Working Conditions, Adaptation to Change, under the direction of J.F. LEBRUN, Head of Unit.



Meeting between Eurofedop and SOZPT about implementation of the European Postal Directive

Bratislava (Slovakia), 11.02.2009

In Bratislava, a meeting took place on 11.02.2009 between Viera Čeryová, responsible for the Post sector in SOZPT, and Bert Van Caelenberg, secretary general of Eurofedop.



Workforce Modernisation (WfM)

Wednesday 18 February 2009

With this title, the Justice Minister of the UK and his Administration want to implement a certain number of measures in UK prisons. Our POA trade union sees in this manoeuvre however "more power", "more authority" and "more discretion" for governors, all at the workers' expense.



Internet portal on the topic of European elections

Brussels, 05.03.2009

Christian workers' organizations from all over Europe have created an important platform for the people in the European Union with an international and multilingual internet presentation.



Belgian Trade Unions give maximum response !!!

Brussels (Belgium), 02-03.03.2009

The personnel of the Belgian Post are fed up with the rhythm of successive reorganisations. On 2 March, they organised a march in Brussels to protest

- against the high work pressure which has increased with 30% in a few years time,
- against the loss of quality of jobs in the postal sector, the number of which has decreased with 12,000 over the last few years,
- because of the insecure future of the Belgian Post and the repercussions of this for the future of 25,000 families,
- because of collective bargaining negotiations which indicate that, for the Belgian Post, its own demands are more important than those of the personnel,
- because of the fear that more retail offices might be closed down.



Healthcare Associated Infections cost Europe 5.5 billion per year

Brussels, 17.03.2009

Politicians and physicians call for EU action to reduce costs and enhance patient safety. At a round table on patient safety and healthcare associated infections (HCAIs) organised by Health First Europe (HFE) and co-hosted by MEPs Liz Lynne and Amalia Sartori, figures presented show the very significant burden of HCAIs on Europe's healthcare systems which are in crisis, requiring urgent and concrete EU action.



EZA Seminar: "Strategies of overcoming the economic and financial crisis - What scope of action for the social partners?"

Munich (Germany), 13-15.03.2009

Christian TRUONG-NGOC, Vice-président of EUROFEDOP, represented us at this Seminar. The Final declaration is enclosed ...



Trade Council Ministries and Finances

Luxemburg, 26-27.03.2009

Since the affiliation of EUROFEDOP to CESI, the trade councils have also been included in the Statutes of CESI. This session was the first in a series involving the cooperation between EUROFEDOP and CESI trade unions.



Consultation on Commission Communication "Solidarity in health"

Brussels (Belgium), 02.04.2009

The European Commission is to publish a Communication before the end of the year aimed at addressing the growing "health gap" across the EU and within the Member States. In June 2008, the European Council called for greater efforts to close the gap in key health indicators between and within member states.



Can eHealth ease the cost of ageing Europe?

Bibliothèque Solvay, Brussels, 02.04.2009

Europe's ageing population risks overwhelming national healthcare systems in the years ahead, and the financial pressures on our medical infrastructures will be further intensified by the deepening economic crisis.



Romanian Eurofedop trade unions meet in Bucharest

Romania, 09.04.2009

On Thursday 09.04.2009, representatives of the organisations affiliated to Eurofedop met at the head office of SNPPC. Bert Van Caelenberg, secretary general of Eurofedop, gave information about the actions organised by Eurofedop since the Congress in 2007 in Luxemburg. Moreover, he gave information about the affiliation to CESI since December 2008.



Working Group Post Eurofedop

Königswinter (Thomasberg), 15.04.2009

At the invitation of the DPVKOM, the German organisation of Post and Telecom of Eurofedop, delegates from Austria, Netherlands, Belgium, Switzerland and Germany held a meeting at the DBB's training centre in Königswinter (Thomasberg).



Eurofedop met Dr. Hubert Pirker (EP) in Strassburg on the occasion of the presentation of the booklet "A safe Europe for all, European security positions"

Strassburg (France), 22.04.2009

A debate on a common immigration policy had been prepared by the Parliamentary Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs. The driving force behind this item is MEP Simon Busuttil (Malta). The draft resolution which had been prepared within the EPP-ED Group, was submitted for voting ...



The chairman of the EPU, Hermann Feiner, and the secretary general of EUROFEDOP had a meeting with the police organisation in Malta

Malta, 27-28.04.2009

UHM (Union Haddiema Maghqudin) had organised a meeting with John Rizzo, Police Commissioner of Police General Head Quarters and with Sonny Portelli, Chairman of MCESD (Malta Council for Economic and Social Development).



Seminar for colleagues from Bosnia, Herzegovina and Croatia

Königswinter (Thomasberg), 21-24.04.2009

At the invitation of the DPVKOM, the German member organisation of Eurofedop in the Post and Telecom sector, a meeting between colleagues from the postal sector of Bosnia, Herzegovina and Croatia took place in the DBB's training centre in Königswinter (Thomasberg).



Eurofedop – Working Group Telecom

Königswinter (Thomasberg), 24.04.2009

At the invitation of DPVKOM, the German member organisation of Eurofedop, representing the personnel of Post and Telecom, delegates from Austria, the Netherlands, Belgium, France and Germany had a meeting in the DBB's training centre in Königswinter (Thomasberg).



35th Pan-European Convention

Passau (D), 30 April – 03 May 2009

"Our Europe: PANEUROPA" The main topics on the agenda were the forthcoming European elections, ways out of the current crisis of the EU, a balance of activities of five years' Eastern European expansion of the EU, the future of South-East Europe, the cross-border cooperation in European and metropolitan regions like the one between Lower Bavaria, Upper Austria and South Bohemia, and the role of Christianity in Europe. Patron of the Convention was the President of the European Parliament, Prof. Hans-Gert Poettering.



Eurofedop attended the spring session of the Council of Europe

Strassburg (France), 27-30.04.2009

The Conference of INGOs - The Parliamentary Assembly



POA 70th Year Birthday

Southport (Manchester, UK), 11-15.05.2009

Prison officers vow to halt privatisation. "TUC must support the POA".

The Union is still angry over the way its call for a general strike was defeated at last year's TUC congress. TUC General Secretary, Brendan Barber, pleaded the TUC's full support against prison privatisation.



6th KSzSz Congress

Budapest (Hungary), 21-22.05.2009

The 6th Congress of KSzSz (Federation of Hungarian Public Service Employees Unions) was organised on 21-22/05/2009 in Budapest (Hungary). The leadership of the Federation told about the work of the last 4 years and reported also on the results of the interest representation for employees in the Central Administration.



Infedop was present at the 98th Session of the International Labour Conference (ILC)

Geneva (Switzerland), 03-19.06.2009

The 98th session of the International Labour Conference took place at a decisive moment in the history of the ILO :

- Celebration of the Organisation's 90th anniversary,
- World financial crisis,
- Growing concern due to the revolution of globalisation,
- ILO Declaration on social justice for a fair globalisation,
- HIV pandemic,
- Increased recognition of the importance of employment and social protection,
- Effect of all those elements on the ILO's decent work agenda.



36th CONGRESS OF THE FNACT-CFTC

Les Landes (France), 09-11.06.2009

For a redefinition of the priorities of the CFTC. From 9 to 11 June 2009, the 36th Congress of the Fnaact-CFTC took place in Vieux Boucau in the Landes. The major tasks to be fulfilled by this Congress were the renewal of the organisation's board and the definition of the strategy to be followed for dealing with the numerous challenges lying ahead.



The European Council decides on the coordination of illegal immigration by FRONTEX

Brussels, 18-19.06.2009

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17th National Congress of the Fraktion Christlicher Gewerkschafterinnen und Gewerkschafter

Vienna (Austria), 30.06.2009

Under the motto "Solidarity and justice, we are living according to values", the 17th National Congress took place in Vienna. In his report as National President, Dr. Norbert Schnedl spoke about the new team of the FCG, the demands submitted to the new Government and the ecosocial market economy. "More human, less party" was the theme developed by National Secretary Andreas Gjecaj in his address.



Summer session of the Council of Europe

Strassburg (France), 22-26.06.2009

- The INGO Conference Within the various meetings having taken place, Eurofedop has mainly been active in the Human Rights Committee. Especially the state of affairs with regard to the ratification of the European Social Charter remains a point of attention.
- The Parliamentary Assembly Apart from the always re-occurring items such as the budgetary situation, the state of human rights and local critical situations, the focus during this session was put on the election of a new Secretary General to the Council of Europe ...



European Parliament starts off in a positive atmosphere

Strassburg (France), 14-16.07.2009

On 14.07.2009, the Members of the European Parliament (now they are 736) elected their new European Parliament President ...



Christian-Social Congress 2009

Doorn (the Netherlands), 27-28.08.2009

The CSC Foundation is a platform of about 45 socially oriented organisations which want to be open about their Christian-Social identity. Apart from delegates of the CNV Publieke Zaak, the ACP and the ACOM, Eurofedop was represented by Secretary General Bert Van Caelenberg.



HIVA Conference

Leuven (Belgium), 07.09.2009

Reinforcing our ambitions: how to overcome the present financial and economic crisis. Together with 80 participants, among whom 25 members from the European EZA family, Eurofedop took part in this seminar.



European Parliament Plenary

Strassburg (France), 14-17.09.2009

An important debate took place on the working of FRONTEX (Coordination of intelligence driven operational cooperation at EU level to strengthen security at external borders) ...

José Manuel Barroso was elected for a second term as President of the European Commission, by 382 votes in favour, 219 against and 117 abstentions (718 votes cast) on Wednesday 16.09.2009



LDF International Conference

Vilnius (Lithuania), 24-26.09.2009

"Impact of the emigration of young people from Lithuania on the demographic situation of the country, family and labour market".

In Vilnius (Lithuania), a trade union conference with the above-mentioned title took place from 24 to 26.09.2009, with participants from the EU and Ukraine. At the first day, the seminar started with an analysis of the economic crisis and the problems this creates, in particular at social level...



HFE - Training Event on EU Health Policy

European Parliament (Brussels), 30.09.2009

The Training event was a success !

Collaborators from 17 European Parliament Members and other interested participants listened to the address made by Dr. Antonia Parvanoja (MEP, Bulgaria). She attached much importance to the contribution made by NGOs and other organisations concerned about improving the quality of healthcare in Europe.



DBB Chief Peter Heesen at the 10th European evening: Think in terms of solutions, not of problems!

Berlin (Germany), 14.10.2009

On 14 October 2009, more than 200 participants attended at the DBB Forum Berlin the 10th European Evening to discuss "Ways out of the economic crisis: expectations of Europe".



Der 14. ordentliche Gewerkschaftstag der CGPT

Fulda (Deutschland), 14-16.10.2009

Blickpunkt Mensch! - Unter diesem Motto fand vom 14. bis 16. September 2009 in Fulda der 14. ordentliche Gewerkschaftstag der Christlichen Gewerkschaft Postservice und Telekommunikation (CGPT) statt.



Well-being 2030 Project - Inaugural Conference

Brussels (Belgium), 27.10.2009

Beyond the crisis: strategic options for Social Europe by 2030.

'Well-being 2030' is a new two-year research project which will investigate the major trends and developments that will determine Europe's policy options for improving its citizens' quality of life by the year 2030. Based on a belief that policy can crucially shape our future, the project aims to stimulate a debate from which a strong vision for future social progress in Europe can emerge.



ACOM and ACP (the Netherlands) create together SWVV

The Netherlands, 01.11.2009

On 1 October last, ACP (Algemene Christelijke Politiebond) and ACOM (Algemeen Christelijke Organisatie van Militairen) created SWVV (Stichting Werknemersbelangen Vrede en Veiligheid - Foundation Workers' Interests Peace and Security).



Die aktuelle Nationalratspräsidentin Chiara Simoneschi-Cortesi wird neue Präsidentin des auf Service Public spezialisierten Personalverbands transfair

Brüssel (B), 05.11.2009

Sie peilt ein Mitgliederwachstum sowie Meinungsführerschaft in den Branchen Post, Communication, öffentlicher Verkehr und öffentliche Verwaltung an



EUROFEDOP – POA welcome the report on role of a prison officer

Brussels (Belgium), 09.11.2009

Justice Committee Chairman, Sir Alan Beith said "Prison Officers are undervalued and their contribution to making ex-prisoners less likely to commit crimes is constantly undermined"...



HFE – From Nice to Lisbon: a step forward in EU Health?

European Parliament (Brussels), 17.11.2009

Health First Europe (HFE) organised a roundtable on 17.11.2009 at the European Parliament, entitled "From Nice to Lisbon: a step forward in EU Health?" The roundtable was aimed at initiating a broad discussion on the future of EU health policy within ...



Trade Council Post and Telecom

Jean Monnet Centre (Luxemburg), 20.11.2009

Trade Council Post and Telecom meets in Luxemburg The workload of the post and telecom personnel was an important theme during the session in Luxemburg.



Five trade unions sign agreement on health at work in the Civil Service

Bercy (France), 20.11.2009

One of the fifteen "actions" which were listed in the agreement on safety and health at work, was related to the fight against psychosocial risks. As part of the agreement, it was decided that initiatives will be taken as of 2010 to submit proposals for working methods and instruments to the public employers with a view to promoting the understanding, assessment as well as prevention of psychosocial risks. A national plan...



Commissioner Hearings: Malmström vague on security and illegal immigration

European Parliament (Strasbourg, France), 19.01.2010

Despite giving a good performance in her hearing, Commissioner-Designate for Internal Affairs, Cecilia Malmström, remained vague on internal security and terrorism – crucial aspects of her portfolio ...



Negotiations of the personnel of Ministries and Local Authorities in a final phase

Belgrade (Serbia), 27.01.2010

During a working visit to Serbia, Secretary General Bert Van Caelenberg of Eurofedop had a meeting with Njegoš Potežica, president of the trade union of administration of Serbia, during which an analysis was made of the current situation of Civil Servants in Serbia. The second half of 2009 has been marked by ...



Sindikata Telekom "Srbija" had a meeting with Corporate Affairs Division Manager of Telecom Srbija

Belgrade (Serbia), 27.01.2010

On 27.01.2010, our member organisation from Telecom in Serbia celebrated in Belgrade the feast of its patron saint Sava (Saint Sava's Feast Day : day of spirituality. Saint Sava is the founder of ...



First Congress of the Central Administration Trade Union from Serbia

Serbia, 12.02.2010

On 12.02.2010, the First Congress of the Central Administration Trade Union from Serbia took place in Belgrade. Congressional elections were held for the management of the organisation and guidelines were adopted for the way in which the organisation's activities will develop in the next five years...



Private Prisons in Europe - UK Leads The Way

Brussels (Belgium), 15.02.2010

England and Wales has the dubious distinction of having the most privatised criminal justice system in Europe. New Labour transformed its moral opposition to private prisons into such a love affair with big business that the private sector's hold on prisoners in England and Wales has reached some 11 per cent. By 2014 that percentage could reach 25 per cent with the Government's programme of five new 1,500-bed private prisons and if all market tested prisons remain or go private. BUT TRADE UNIONS SAY NO !!!



Civil servants lack essential information on their employment status

Brussels (Belgium), 23.02.2010

Our representative from Malta, Edwin Balzan (UHM), reports that, quite surprisingly, the Government in Malta fails to adequately inform civil servants of essential elements with regard to their professional status...



Opinion of the European Economic and Social Committee : "Work and poverty: towards the necessary holistic approach"

Brussels, 02.2010

The European Union has declared 2010 the European Year for Combating Poverty and Social Exclusion. Rapporteur : Ms Nicole Prud'homme (Group "Employees")



Trade Council "Education, Training, Research and Youth" (EDUC)

Brussels (Belgium), 02.03.2010

2010 : time to make an evaluation of the Bologna process. Following a presentation given by Christian Tauch (DG EAC, European Commission), the Trade Council Education of CESI, which gathered under the chairmanship of Monique Cartigny on 2 March 2010 in Brussels, discussed the current state of affairs and prospects with regard to the Bologna process, 10 years after it had been launched.



Strategy 2020

Solvay Library, Parc Léopold, Brussels, 04.03.2010

With its 'EU 2020 Strategy', the European Commission hopes to pave the way towards achieving a more intelligent, more ecological and socially responsible economic growth by the year 2020. By March 2010, the Commission aims ...



Celebration of 20 years KSZSZ

Budapest (Hungary), 05.03.2010

Various prominent persons had been invited to take the floor on the occasion of the celebration of 20 years KSZSZ ...



Seminar zur Europapolitik in Thomasberg – Heesen beschwört europäische Gemeinsamkeiten

Thomasberg (Deutschland), 17-19.03.2010

Im Namen der komba-gewerkschaft hatte Heinz Ossenkamp, stellvertretender dbb Bundesvorsitzender und komba-Bundesvorsitzender zusammen mit der dbb akademie Mitglieder von CESI und Eurofedop nach Thomasberg geladen...



Police demonstration in Bulgaria

Sofia (Bulgaria), 20.03.2010

Eurofedop supported the action through its member organisation SNPPC (Romania), which took part in the demonstration with 50 delegates under the direction of Toader Paraschiv, member of Eurofedop's Executive Committee ...



HFE looks back with satisfaction after adoption of EU Directive on protection of healthcare workers from needlestick injuries

European Parliament (Brussels), 23.03.2010

Most of the campaigners who had struggled for several years for the adoption of the directive attended the event. 50 participants from patient organisations, occupational federations, European Parliament Members, MEP collaborators and the European Commission listened to speeches made by ...



EZA seminar: The social dimension of the financial, economic and employment crisis: what are the consequences for workers' organisations?

Berlin (Germany), 26-28.03.2010

This conference took place in follow-up to regional conferences which had been organised in the Netherlands, Romania and Italy. The participants tried to identify the social consequences of the crisis for workers and their trade unions and what actions need to be undertaken for the future.



Trade Council "Central Administrations and Finances"

Jean Monnet Center (Luxemburg), 25-26.03.2010

The members of the Trade Council "Central Administrations and Finances" of CESI met in Luxemburg on 25 and 26 March. They took stock of the ongoing formalisation of the sectoral social dialogue "Central Administration", welcoming the progress made in recent months under a dynamic Spanish Presidency...



EUROFEDOP participates in the ESF through projects in Romania (Health Services) and Estonia (Local Authorities)

Copenhagen (Denmark), 07.04.2010

The aim of the ESF is to help (in particular less advanced) regions and member states of the EU to make their workforce and companies better equipped to face new, global challenges. The beneficiaries are ...



CESI Seminar

Valencia (Spain), 14-16.04.2010

Creating added value - taking action together. The role of the Public Service and the Social Partners in overcoming the economic crisis.



Parliamentary Assembly Council of Europe

Strassburg (France), 26-30.04.2010

Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe - The joint organisation of the above-mentioned sessions is an opportunity for NGO organisations to attend on the one hand the sessions which specifically concern them and follow on the other hand the agenda and meetings of the Committees of the Assembly, the Bureau and Political Groups...



European Commission Second High Level Conference on Postal Services

Valencia (Spain), 29-30.04.2010

Delivery Services for a Digital World. The Spanish presidency hosted this conference together with the city of Valencia. Employers, regulatory authorities, the European Commission and trade unions were the participants



POA - 71st Annual Conference

Portsmouth (UK), 11-14.05.2010

In the presence of more than 600 delegates, the POA Congress discussed themes such as : No Strike Agreement, Regimes in Prisons, Prisons are not for profit, Violence in Prisons.



Trade Council Post and Telecom

Belgrade, Serbia (21.05.2010)

This trade council session was organised by TUTS (Trade Union of Telecom of Serbia). The subjects were : the local situation in the field of Telecom (sell-off of Telecom Srbija), the implementation of the postal directive from the employers' point of view, pension systems in Europe, resolutions of Post and Telecom and the announcement of next sessions.



48th Congress of the CFTC/Post and Telecommunication

Paris (France), 25-27.05.2010

From 25 to 27.05.2010, the CFTC federation for Post and Telecommunication has held its 48th Congress in Paris. With 200 participants from all over France, motions were discussed and approved under the general theme of "Rebuilding the social link"...



Eurofedop spoke at the General Assembly of the SNPPC Romania

Predeal (Romania), 28.05.2010

On Friday 28 May, the General Assembly of SNPPC took place in PREDEAL (at 200km north of Bucharest). Considering the tense situation at social level and the general strike which had been announced by Cartel Alfa for Monday 31/05, this session was very important ...



1st phase of ESF project in Romania of the Federatia "Solidaritatea Sanitara" in collaboration with Eurofedop

Tulcea (Romania), 28.05.2010

In the second half of May 2010, Bertrand Grosz (CFTC/Santé, France) and Esther Reyes Diez (SATSE, Spain) participated as experts in training weeks in Romania.



Congrès extraordinaire de Transfair

Gurten (Suisse), 24.06.2010

Le 24 juin 2010, un congrès extraordinaire de transfair s'est tenu de nouveau sur le Gurten, la montagne des Bernois. Après avoir posé l'année précédente les jalons pour l'avenir, les premiers succès pouvaient être présentés cette année.



Bert Van Caelenberg spoke at KSZSZ Board Meeting

Budapest (Hungary), 25.06.2010

KSZSZ organised its board meeting in the Customs and Finance Guard's Sports Ground in Budapest on 25/06/2010. Apart from more administrative-related items, the board members spent a considerable amount of time on discussing the new political situation...



European Parliament - Paneuropean working group of the EPP Group

Strassburg (France), 06-07.07.2010

On 6th July 2010, Bert Van Caelenberg was present as Director of CESI, in charge of the trade councils, at the meeting of the Paneuropean working group of the EPP Group in the European Parliament in Strassburg.



30th Anniversary of NSZZ "Solidarność"

Gdańsk (Poland), 30.08.2010

Hundreds of trade union delegates from Solidarność and guests from the whole world celebrated the official conclusion, 30 years ago, of the first free agreements in Gdańsk....



Trade Council Police/EPU

Luxemburg, 09-10.09.2010

34 participants from 15 European countries had come to attend this session in Luxemburg. The subjects were : fight against violence against police officers, the working time directive, consequences of the crisis on security, 25 years of Schengen agreement. This last theme was visualised through a visit to the museum in Schengen. The trade council chose a president in its midst : Gerrit van de Kamp (ACP/Netherlands, president of EPU) and two vice-presidents : Herman Benker (DPoIG/Germany) and José Razafindranaly (SCPN/France). The RKDSZ from Hungary participated for the first time as new member of Eurofedop.



CESI Academy – evening debate on the future of public services in Europe

Brussels (Concert Noble), 28.09.2010, 6 p.m.

In the light of the economic crisis, the worst of which seems to lie behind us, the stabilising role of public services was underlined as well as the key role played by social dialogue in finding solutions for this crisis. The need for the establishment of modern public services in the future was discussed from three angles : what are the tasks of the State, what are its instruments and what are the skills required from the public service employees ? In order for the EU Strategy 2020 to become a success, high-quality public services are required and, with this aim, it is important that the personnel of these public services receive adapted, continuous and lifelong training.



PostEurop Plenary Assembly

Schaan-Vaduz (Liechtenstein), 13.10.2010

Under the theme of "Listening to the future", PostEurop held its annual plenary session in Liechtenstein. Bert Van Caelenberg, secretary general of Eurofedop, participated in the conference activities. The challenges lying ahead for the Postal Industry were discussed by a panel of high placed officials of the Postal Industry as well as by working groups in which the 130 participants exchanged views on questions such as 'What makes PostEurop so unique ? Is it its expertise ? Its role as European key player ?' It was the view of the employers that there are many differences among them, but also elements which they share and they can focus on. This is also what we experience in our Trade Council.



Trade Council Health Services

The proper functioning of healthcare endangered by the consequences of the economic crisis

Luxemburg, 18.10.2010

The trade council chose its board members for the next two years in the beginning of the session. After a positive evaluation of the CESI seminar in Riga on migration in the healthcare sector, the important evolution towards e-health was underlined. The consequences of stress on the smoking habit of nursing staff in Spanish hospitals was another item of discussion. Finally, the trade council members discussed the consequences of the financial crisis on their sector. Not only the health of the population is in danger, but the remuneration of healthcare workers also face serious reductions, especially in Eastern European countries. The session was concluded by the announcement of actions which will be undertaken towards EU institutions.



Trade Council Local and Regional Authorities

Luxemburg, 25.10.2010

After the completion of formalities, such as the election of a new board according to the CESI Constitution, the different items on the agenda were discussed by the invited experts and the meeting participants. Those items were : the working time directive, the services directive, the European sectoral social dialogue for 'Local and regional government', the liberalisation of the water market in Europe, the Congress of local and regional authorities of the Council of Europe and, last but not least, the Eurofedop seminar in 2011 which will deal with 'the consequences of the financial crisis for the workers of local authorities'.