



## **Report on march the 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 meeting of the network in LISBON in the frame of the European Preparatory Assembly of the European Social Forum.**

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### **Public Services European Social Forum**

#### Last proposal

While working on the postal directive issue, several contacts have been made with European parliamentaries (GUE, PSE and GREENS) and members of the belgium social forum.

A demand has been issued asking for the possibility of hosting the forum this year in Brussels (november or december). In all configurations, it should not exceed two days, though the program issued in Geneva has been “condensed” in this size.

We need a plenary room and some side spaces for the workshops, we will have few margins on the dates, especially on the parliament’s proposal. Our demands must though be very “flexible” on the date and the infrastructures and means.

- On one hand, the european parliament has facilities able to host up to 250 people, with incertainties about the translation and the two days span of time. We should have answers on the next weeks, depending on the engagement of the GUE (mainly asked) and the parliamentary agenda, EP can host the forum from Monday to Friday.

- On the other hand, the IHECS (Institut des hautes études en communication sociales) wich hosted the last Belgium social forum has also some possibilities to welcome us with good practical aspects for our demand (it’s a university). The IHECS may welcome the forum on a Friday afternoon and Saturday.

#### Links

A proposal is made to invite the Public Services Promotion Convention (ex out of GATS convention) in this manifestation. We also need to meet formally members of the Belgium Social Forum to present the matter. The education network of the ESF process wishes also to join the November/December forum.

#### Organisation

As things will go we have forecasted a meeting in Paris **on Friday the 15<sup>th</sup> of june**

On the program: Composition of the workgroups in charge of the different tasks of the forum and countdown to Brussels.

### **WEBSITE**

A proposal of our Italian friends will be soon submitted to the network. The goal is to have a dedicated space feeded by the data issued from the network members. Information on the most recent EU policy developments on Public services, struggles, actions, dynamic european agenda. The ESF workspace may also host our work, we work together on the possibilities. Our observations and remarks will be welcomed.

An information on the precise venue of our next meeting in Paris **the 15<sup>th</sup> of june** will be issued by mid may, with plan, hotels, etc ...