



Report on the 3rd February 2007 meeting of the network in GENEVA

Participants : UNISON Newcastle – ADEDY – COPERNIC foundation - ATTAC France – Suisse - SOLIDAIRES – CGT - By phone contact, Convention out of GATS and CGIL Italy (plane problems)

Introduction

Situation on the 3rd of february,

- following our meeting of October the 27th, Newcastle and Thessaloniki proposed to host the Public Services Social Forum in 2007, Newcastle desisted shortly after
- **november 2006** the European Preparatory Assembly of organisation of the European Social Forum in Francfort has taken into account the existence of our nztwork.
- in this meeting the greek delegation has proposed again to host the Public Services Social Forum in fall 2007
- **January 2007** in a meeting with the Convention of collectivities out of GATS, a proposal of the city of Torino Italy (following contacts taken in October at Geneva) has been reported to host the PSESF as long as it was with the partnership of the Convention. Possible decision around the 15th of February
- a meeting of the Italian organisation scheduled the 16th of february may issue a proposal of venue
- a meting of the European preparatory assembly is scheduled the 30th of march in Lisbon to decide of the venue and date of the next ESF 2008

ADEDY who has proposed to host the public services european forum last time announces that due to a very chaotic politic situation in Greece with a strong probability of anticipated polls this year, the organisation of the PSESF shall have to be postponed in the spring 2008. They still have the logistics and financial means to do it.

ATTAC recalls the commitment taken at the EPA of Francfort and that the European liberalisation agenda is very heavy and threatening in 2007, the network must be all the more present to continue the process

UNISON takes the Turin proposal as possible and calls for discussions with the out of GATS convention

As for the size of the event if we talk of the gathering of several hundreds of activists, unionists, collectivities, and associations, any venue might be possible as long as the organisations are committed enough to bring sufficient delegations (50 for each for instance)

Wish to discuss of the program to verify that we are all on the same tune

SOLIDAIRES; the venue is yet of importance but the main fact is the will to make it happend. Proposes Brussels as an alternative so as to be close to “the belly of the beast” and to search in the European community agenda for the right date.

CGT ok for a 2 and a half days format and the whole process, points out that we must not lose time in the disaster assessment but formulate offensive and alternative proposals.

Proposal for a program

<p>Day 1</p> <p>12:00 Plenary Public services in Europe Challenges, threats, opportunities,</p> <p>1:30 WORKSHOPS</p> <p>4:00 Pause</p> <p>5:00 Plenary Common principles for public services EU legislative framework</p> <p>6:30 Workshops Finishes at 9:00</p>	<p>Day2</p> <p>10:00 Plenary Democratizing services Alternative plans and finance Strategies</p> <p>11:00 WORKSHOPS</p> <p>1:00 FINISH</p> <p>2:00 Plenary WORKERS AND USERS RIGHTS</p> <p>3:00 WORKSHOPS</p> <p>6:00 PLENARY STRUGGLES ACTION</p> <p>7:00 WORKSHOPS</p> <p>9:00 Close</p>
<p>Day 3 10:00 PLENARY RESOLUTION 12:00</p>	

Practical issues

- The network should commit itself to search for a convenient alternative venue to host a 500 delegates event .
- Contacts should be taken as soon as possible with BABEL for translation. The quality of translation will be an essential aspect in the good accomplishment of the forum,
- The Website has become an important issue, we need a quick proposal
- We must take into account as soon as possible the necessary financial subsidies for eastern Europeans participation
- The workshops will have to be organised by workgroups in our network, focused on a documentation based on the framework of each workshop to ease the translation and the restitution as soon as possible in the course of the forum.

Schedule in the weeks to come

- We wait for an answer from Italy until the 16th of February (meeting of Italian organisations)
- Organisation of a video conference in the third week of February
- Next Meeting at the Lisbon march the 30th AEP