



EPSU Firefighters Network



Context



- ✓ Economic governance package and ‘coordinated austerity’: Public sector workers, older people and unemployed/poor targets of austerity plans
- ✓ EU 2020 strategy lacks positive policies on public services – e.g, Single Market proposals
- ✓ Lack of Social Agenda – example of ‘new jobs and skills’ flagship, trade union rights
- ✓ Impact of liberalisation of public services: trade agreements
- ✓ EPSU Tax Fraud and Tax Avoidance Campaign
<http://www.notaxfraud.eu/>
- ✓ EU policies on public procurement and PPPs: bias against ‘in-house’ and in favour of ‘lowest price’



Organization



- Network of EPSU members- dedicated webpage <http://www.epsu.org/r/315>
- Last meetings in Vienna, Brussels, Glasgow, Hannover
- Common framework for organising firefighters both professionals and volunteers- links to global trade unions
- Defending the „neutrality“ of firefighters (fire services are public services)
- Linking firefighters with trade union movement
- Exchanging „good practice“ and pursuing common objectives, issuing of statements

Issues



- EPSU Firefighters Charter <http://www.epsu.org/a/3464>
- Climate Change, Issuing of Statements, Presence at COP 21 in Paris- addressing the impact and mitigation
- Restructuring (cuts in public spending) and diversification of the fireservices
- EU Working Time Directive- Monitoring and Surveying
- Pensions, Women and Firefighters
- Health and Safety Project- Comparative Overview and Brochure <http://www.epsu.org/a/8619>
- Preventing occupational cancer for firefighters- decontamination
- Public Procurement and Fireservices



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