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**An alternative to the market**  
**The social, political and economic role of public services in Europe**  
**Organisers: ETUI-REHS\*, EPSU, SALTSA**  
Brussels, November 19-20, 2007  
Venue: ETUI-REHS, Blvd. du Roi Albert II, 5, B-1210 Brussels

**Conference programme, 20 November 2007**

- 09h00 **Welcome to the Conference and introduction** by Maria Jepsen ETUI-REHS and Carola Fischbach-Pyttel EPSU, Conference co-chairs
- 09h15 **Keynote speech on “Public sector output and investment at the core of economic development”** Ben Fine, School of African and Oriental Studies, University of London UK
- 09h45 **Session 1: public services, the drivers of privatisation, and EU issues**  
Speaker: David Hall, Public Services International Research Unit UK  
Discussants from workshops I and II (Jörg Huffschmid and Barbara Sak)  
Debate
- 11h15 Coffee
- 11h30 **Session 2: the impact of the privatisation of services on industrial relations and collective bargaining**  
Speakers and discussants from workshop III (Christoph Hermann/Thorsten Schulten)  
Debate
- 12h30 Lunch
- 14h00 **Question and answer session with Pervenche Beres MEP**, Chairwoman of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee of the European Parliament
- 14h30 **Session 3: public services as a necessary alternative to the dominance of marketisation**  
Speaker: Massimo Florio, University of Milan  
Discussants from workshop IV (Richard Pond)  
Debate
- 15h45 Coffee
- 16h00 **Session 4 “Public services: vital for the European economy and the Lisbon agenda”:** **concluding discussion with** Jozef Niemiec, ETUC, Jan Willem Goudriaan EPSU, Werner Stengg European Commission
- 17h00 **Close of Conference**

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