



**FORUM ON SOCIAL SERVICES OF GENERAL INTEREST
LISBON, 17 SEPTEMBER 2007**

Provisional Programme

9.30 – 10.30

OPENING SESSION

José António Vieira da Silva
Minister of Labour and Social Solidarity (Portugal)

Jan Andersson
President of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs of the European Parliament

Vladimír Špidla
European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

10.30 – 11.30

PLENARY SESSION

The Social Services of General Interest and the European Social Model

Joel Hasse Ferreira
Rapporteur of the European Parliament on SSGI

Yves Jorens
Member of the Group of Legal Experts on SSGI of the European Commission

Comments:

Marcel Haag
Secretariat-General of the European Commission

Bernhard Spiegel
Coordinator of SPC ad-hoc group on Social Services of General Interest (tbc)

11.30 - 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 - 13.15

WORKSHOPS

Workshop 1 - The European legal framework of Social Services of General Interest: current situation and perspectives

President: Elise Willame, President of the Social Protection Committee



Speakers

- Member of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament
- Member of the European People's Party and European Democrats in the European Parliament
- Directorate General of Competition, European Commission
- Directorate General for Internal Market and Services, European Commission
- Caritas Germany
- Union Sociale pour l'Habitat

Rapporteur: Professor Stéphane Rodrigues, Member of the Group of Legal Experts on SSGI of the European Commission

Workshop 2 - Regional and local dimensions of the Social Services of General Interest and the role of territorial powers aiming at active inclusion

President: Jean-Louis Destans, Rapporteur of the Committee of the Regions on SSGI

Speakers

- Françoise Castex, Member of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament
- Member of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
- Edmundo Martinho, President of the Portuguese Institute for Social Security
- Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs of Nordrhein-Westfalen
- Association of Territorial Entities
- Directorate General for Internal Market and Services, European Commission

Rapporteur: (to designate)

Workshop 3 - The role of users, providers and public powers in the definition, evaluation and improvement of Social Services of General Interest quality

President: AGE – European Older People's Platform

Speakers

- Member of the Group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe
- Member of the European People's Party and European Democrats in the European Parliament
- Czech representative at the Social Protection Committee
- EDF – European Disability Forum
- Concetta Cultrera, Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission
- CECODHAS – The European Liaison Committee for Social Housing

Rapporteur: Roshan Di Puppo, Director of the Platform of European Social NGOs



Workshop 4 - The quality of employment, professional training and qualification within Social Services of General Interest

President: EESC – European Economic and Social Committee

Speakers

- European Social Network
- EUROFOUND – European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions
- CEDEFOP – European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- Maurice Duranton, Vice-President of AIM – International Association of Mutualities
- Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Rapporteur: Member of the European People's Party and European Democrats in the European Parliament

13.15 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.15 WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

15.15 – 17.00 PLENARY CLOSING SESSION

President: Jérôme Vignon, Director of Social Protection and Integration of the Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, European Commission

Presentation of the workshop reports by the 4 rapporteurs

Closing Round Table with

- BUSINESSEUROPE
- ETUC – European Trade Unions Confederation
- CEEP – European Centre of Enterprises with Public Participation and of Enterprises of General Economic Interest
- Platform of European Social NGOs

Conclusions

Representative of the future Slovenian Presidency

Joel Hasse Ferreira, Rapporteur of the EP on SSGI

Representative of the Portuguese Presidency

