

**Stakeholder Seminar:
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the EU Roadmap Process"
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**Comments on the Roadmaps of the European Commission – The Trade Unions
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(EPSU) Representing more than 270 unions - 8 million public service workers**

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- Not so many Unions have replied to the consultations – this does not mean that not many people have replied – umbrella organizations have done it for them
 - but we have a sceptical analysis of consultation processes in general
 - there is nothing about the role of public services in the roadmap
 - we need transition principles

- Support of -80% GHG target in 2050
 - concern in the Unions that we are not achieving the respect of the max 2°C target; concern that we will go the 4°C
 - we think that Unions have to play a huge role in mitigation and adaptation
 - concerned about austerity measures that could have especially impact investment on adaptation measures
 - EU Roadmap provides direction but the social impacts are missing
 - environmental and economy dimensions have to be linked to the social dimensions
 - a permanent European stakeholder organism has to be created in order to coordinate the creation of policy measures
 - Employment effects of the scenarios – the employment effects towards a low carbon economy are in general positive – the main issue is the shift
 - an analysis of the social impacts is something that is missing in the roadmap
 - big discussions: it is not clear where the companies have to go for; where the companies have to invest (they need clear targets) then it will be easier for trade union to work with and for the employees

- EPSU is advocating a binding energy efficiency target – it is important to achieve effective HG reduction targets
 - we need a financing framework
 - we advocate financial transaction tax
 - Discussion on the introduction of a carbon tax (not on ETS sectors); EPSU has developed a whole range of conditions under which a carbon tax could be operated
 - we are concerned about the energy prices (speculation...) we want that this is regulated (the same as for fuel prices)
 - better use of structural funds (that Climate change issues are integrated)
 - Public procurement – better green criteria
 - better market access for green technologies
 - EPSU is invested in an initiative “moving beyond GDP / prosperity without growth” (project for 2012)
 - strengthening of the eco-design directive
 - EU roadmaps should include transition principles: consultations between the governments with stakeholders (Local authorities, business..), investment in low carbon technologies, looking at green skills – promotion of this skills

- respect of trade union rights but also democratic decision making
 - strong social protection systems
 - we need sectoral roadmaps including the employment elements (this has to be discussed with member states to define needs...)
 - impacts of low income households have to be considered
 - costs of smart metering (are they cost-efficient for low income households)
 - discussion with anti-poverty network
 - making funds available for low income households
 - EU Roadmap should include a social dimension
 - should speak about skills and qualification and present transition principle
- The impact assessment of the Commission: We do not think that the Commission has taken into account all available options.

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