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**Communication sent to Chair, Vice-chairs, members of CEEP’s Social Affairs Board (13/9/2017):**

I send you this reminder on a great opportunity for CEEP’s membership.

CEEP now has regular exchanges on Investment perspectives in Physical and Social Infrastructures, with the European Commission and our colleagues from the European Long term investors association. In this context CEEP was offered the opportunity to showcase an example of investment project from its membership at the European Weeks of cities and regions (ex Opendays) on the 10 October.

Please find the invitation [here](#)

Please find the draft [here](#)

This specific session of the Open-days will be the opportunity to present as an example a concrete project of investment in Social Infrastructures (in the widest sense: Education, Culture, Social Services, Healthcare, Social-Housing...).

Therefore I renew my call to CEEP's membership and to the Social Affairs Board to explore whether a CEEP member would be willing to showcase an example of such an investment operation in Brussels in the Committee of Regions on the 10 October.

This event will be reimbursed for all panellists.

Please inform me as soon as you can to facilitate the registration process. should you have any question regarding this event please contact me directly.

I look forward to hearing from you.

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## Chair of Parliament Transport Committee at next CEEP Transport Task Force meeting

### **Communication sent to members of the CEEP Transport Task Force (13/9/2017):**

I am delighted to inform you that **Ms Karima Delli, Chair of the European Parliament's Committee for Transport and Tourism (TRAN), will participate in our next CEEP Transport Task Force meeting.** As already announced before the summer break, **it will take place on 10 October 2017, from 2.00 pm to 5.00 pm, at CEEP offices.** Ms Delli will join the meeting from 3.30 pm to 4.30 pm.

We hope that you will all be available to participate in the exchange of views with Ms Delli. The meeting's overall issue will be the current European transport policies, amongst others, regarding the right path towards low-emission mobility, the recent and upcoming Commission Mobility Packages as well as the role of public transport in general. Moreover, the meeting will allow to discuss how public services' providers in the transport sector and beyond can support Ms Delli's ambition as Chair of the TRAN Committee.

We agreed with the office of Ms Delli to send a more detailed list of questions/ issues to her by the end of September. Therefore, in the light of the topics mentioned above, please feel warmly invited to **send me your concrete questions/ issues that you would be interested in discussing with Ms Delli by Monday, 25 September, at 12pm at the latest.** Thank you very much in advance.

For your information, besides being the Chair of the Transport and Tourism Committee, Ms Delli is also Vice-Chair of the Parliament's Inquiry Committee on Emission Measurements in the Automotive Sector and Substitute Member in the Committees on Employment and Social Affairs as well as on Women's Rights and Gender Equality. In 2015, she was the Parliament's Rapporteur on an opinion on Sustainable Urban Mobility (please find it [here](#)).

Should you be interested in her positions on the different issues voted in the European Parliament, you can find [here](#) an overview that can also be filtered according to the policy areas that interest you. Please also find hereafter a [press article](#) about Ms Delli after her election as new TRAN Committee Chair in January 2017.

More information, including the draft agenda and meeting documents, will be sent to you by the end of September.

Should you have any questions or remarks, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## CEEP Newsflash – 8 and 17 September 2017

[CEEP Newsflash 8 September 2017](#)

[CEEP Newsflash 17 September 2017](#)

### CEEP Sustainability Board: Commission access to company information and next Board meeting

#### Communication sent to members of the CEEP Sustainability Board (15/9/2017):

Before the summer break, we informed you about the **Commission's legislative proposal for a Regulation setting out the conditions and procedure by which the Commission may request undertakings and associations of undertakings to provide information in relation to the internal market and related areas**. Please find hereafter again the [Commission proposal](#) (and related Commission [Staff Working Documents](#)) as well as more information on the different elements of the [Compliance Package](#).

I would like to thank all members who have already provided input since then. Based on these contributions, the CEEP Public Services Board is now drafting a CEEP statement that is supposed to feed in the legislative process.

Therefore, please feel warmly invited to send me any additional input that you might deem helpful, including possible amendments to the legislative text, by next Friday, 22 September, CoB, at the latest. Should you wish to receive further updates on the Public Services Board's activities on this issue, please also contact me. Thank you in advance.

For your information, the Council and the European Parliament have started working on this file. In the European Parliament, Eva Maydell (EPP) was nominated as Rapporteur within the leading IMCO Committee.

Prior to final confirmation, it is expected that she will publish her draft report by mid-October. In December, amendments should then be tabled in IMCO. The Committee vote is expected to take place in March 2018.

I also would like to inform you that the **next meeting of the CEEP Sustainability Board on the digitalisation of public services** will take place in November, and not as preliminary announced on 11 October 2017. This is due to a request from the guest from the European Commission that we invited. We hope to be able to communicate you the final choice of date by the end of September.

If relevant for you, we also would like to invite you to two upcoming CEEP Task Force meetings in mid-October. On 10 October in the afternoon, the **CEEP Transport Task Force** will welcome Karima Delli, Member of the European Parliament and Chair of the Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism (TRAN). On 12 October in the morning, the **CEEP Environment Task Force** will take place. Information on a possible guest at this meeting will be sent to all interested members shortly.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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### CEEP Water Task Force: Water reuse and next meeting

#### Communication sent to members of the CEEP Water Task Force (15/9/2017):

As you might know, CEEP is member of the CIS Ad-hoc Task Group on water reuse. The Task Group's next meeting will take place on 6-7 November 2017 in Larnaca, Cyprus. The Commission announced that it had to be postponed, due to some developments related to the EU initiative on water reuse, namely the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB) meeting for the impact assessment of the legislative initiative, now re-scheduled to 25 October 2017. The meeting in Larnaca will tentatively start at 9:30 on 6 November 2017 and end around 17h30. The following day, 7 November 2017 a site visit will tentatively start at 9:00 and end around 13:00. A detailed agenda will follow closer to the date of the meeting, should you be interested in it.

The meeting's aim will be to share information on the latest state of play of the EU initiative on water reuse, in particular the outcome of the impact assessment, a feedback of the Regulatory Scrutiny Board (RSB) and next steps following the RSB's conclusions (the development of a legal instrument and its intended adoption by the Commission, etc.). Furthermore, the Commission would like to discuss the future of the CIS ATG on water reuse. Should you be interested in participating in this meeting on behalf of the CEEP Water Task Force, please do not hesitate to contact me by 25 September 2017.

Moreover, I would like to inform you that the date of the next CEEP Water Task Force meeting will be communicated by the end of September. Most likely, it will take place in November. As several members will not be available on 10 October, we decided to postpone it and to check which date could allow a maximum of members to participate.

Should you have any question or remark, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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## CEEP Environment Task Force: Next meeting on 12 October 2017

### Communication sent to members of the CEEP Environment Task Force (15/9/2017):

I would like to confirm that the **next CEEP Environment Task Force meeting will take place on Thursday, 12 October 2017, from 10am to 1pm, at CEEP offices in Brussels**. As usual, meeting documents will be sent to you prior to the meeting, by the end of September.

As we are preparing the meeting, please feel warmly invited to **send me your proposals for issues for the draft agenda by Monday, 25 September, at the latest**. Thank you in advance.

Looking forward to meeting you all on 12 October.

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## CEEP Public Services Board: SME Definition and Commission access to company information

### Communication sent to members of the CEEP Public Services Board (15/9/2017):

I would like to send you an update regarding two important policy files that the CEEP Public Services Board is currently working on:

#### **Evaluation and possible review of EU SME Definition**

As already announced in previous emails, the Commission is evaluating the existing EU SME Definition and assessing a possible review. For this purpose, the Commission commissioned an evaluation study in the context of an existing framework contract with the consultancy VVA (Valdani Vicari & Associati). For the moment, the elaboration of the study is scheduled until March 2018.

CEEP will be contacted for an interview during the data collection phase of the study, which starts in October. In addition to EU organisations, selected national stakeholders will also be contacted for interviews. In this context, we agreed with the consultant that we will send them a list of national organisations that they should contact too. Therefore, in order to showcase a maximum of examples of problems for public services' providers throughout the EU that emerge from the existing SME Definition, it would be great if you could **inform me about your interest to be contacted by the consultant for such an interview. Please do so by next**

**Friday, 22 September, CoB, at the latest.** Afterwards, I will send our proposals for additional stakeholders to be contacted to the consultant.

For your information, the public consultation announced by the Commission's [Roadmap](#) is now expected to take place around the end of this year/ beginning next year. It currently depends on how quick the structure and questions suggested by DG GROW's services will be approved by the Commission's Secretariat-General.

### **Proposal for new Commission right to access company information**

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Last but not least, as you might already have noted, the **next meeting of the CEEP Public Services Board will take place on Tuesday, 14 November 2017.** More information will follow shortly, but please feel invited to save the date already now. Besides the two issues mentioned above, the implementation of the Public Procurement Package will be another important item on the meeting's agenda. The **next SGI Task Force meeting is scheduled for Friday, 24 November 2017.**

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## **Social Europe e-newsletter : September 2017**

Latest Social Europe e-newsletter attached:

[Social Europe e-newsletter – 5 September 2017](#)  
[Social Europe e-newsletter – 12 September 2017](#)

## **Eversheds Sutherland : E-briefings, Updates and Conferences**

See below links to information received from our partners **Eversheds Sutherland**:

[EHRT.755 TUPE- principles and practice](#)  
[Employing Military Veterans Inclusive employment workshop invitation – 24 October 2017](#)  
[Gender Pay Reporting – half-day briefings](#)  
[Health and Safety summer school](#)  
[Immigration Courses – 2017-18](#)  
[Job Stress training](#)  
[Safe recruitment training](#)  
[TUPE updates 2018](#)  
[UK HR E-briefing – Guidelines for discrimination compensation set to increase from 11 September 2017](#)

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