

Press Release 10/2013
Brussels, 25 June 2013

Public Services Summit 2013

The first ever Public Services Summit has come to an end after a successful two days in Dublin. Entitled “Reshaping the Future”, participants and speakers explored how to reshape the future through new approaches to the management of services, management of the workforce and long-term investment.

Hans-Joachim Reck, President of CEEP, opened the event, stating “such a Summit is necessary now more than ever. During these difficult economic times there is a critical need for what public service employers and providers advocate: high-quality, accessible and sustainable public services. But we are still facing enormous challenges to fulfill this role.”

Stimulating workshops provided a forum for public service leaders to present their experiences of implementing innovative approaches in challenging times, while political leaders debated the shift we are witnessing in the balance between economic and social values. Also presented were the results of the European Commission-funded project “Mapping Evolutions in Public Services” (attached), providing the framework for discussions on the scope, role and recent developments in public services across Europe.

Valeria Ronzitti, General Secretary of CEEP, concluded the Public Services Summit by highlighting that the event “has reaffirmed the need to recognise and uphold the value of public services within European society. It has demonstrated how innovative public services can think ‘outside the box’ when adapting and responding to current challenges. That is how our members contribute to shaping the future of Europe.”

For further information, please contact:
Priya Klinkenberg- tel. +32 (0) 2 229 21 40

CEEP gathers enterprises and organisations from across Europe, both public and private, at national, regional and local level, which are public employers or providers of services of general interest. CEEP members contribute to more than 26% of EU GDP and employ 30% of the EU workforce: CEEP is one of the three general cross-industry European Social Partners.