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All the applicants of the project, except Cesos, are members of the European Capital Trade Unions Network (ECTUN).

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On 27 January 2015 the final conference of the above-mentioned project – titled “**The Development of Social Dialogue at Territorial Level**” - will take place between 9.00 and 13.00 at the Ust Cisl Roma Capitale e Rieti.

Capital cities are important places for national and foreign people and the living and working conditions of their inhabitants are more difficult than in other municipalities. The role of social dialogue is fundamental in managing these issues.

Furthermore, local public services, which are provided to sustain the wellbeing of each citizen and help the development of society as a whole, are one of the most important concerns of capital city administrations and social partners.

The main objective of the project, then, was to enhance the role of local trade unions as a key actor in the governance of European capital cities and in the management of local public services.

The research analysed the characteristics of social dialogue between local partners and institutions in the five analysed capital cities (Athens, London, Madrid, Paris and Rome) and the extension and contents of second-level collective bargaining in local public service companies with a specific focus on the different management models of three local public services: Local Public Transport, Water Supply and Waste Management.

Our analysis highlights that the state of art is very different regarding local social dialogue and the management of local public services among the five capital cities. However, there are some important common features, guidelines and key issues which should be considered in the re-launch and renewal of social dialogue at local level.

The conference will focus on these matters and some local examples of best practices.

During the conference, shared guidelines will be presented as a tool for social actors in order to enhance their role as a key actor in the co-management of local public services and to enhance the role of local second-level bargaining.

A representative of ETUC, at the end of the conference, will provide the European point of view regarding the main issues of the meeting and some European examples of local social dialogue.

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