



## Celebration of 20 years KSZSZ Budapest (Hungary), 5th March 2010



KSZSZ is the Hungarian Public Service Federation consisting of 30 independent trade unions representing employees in a variety of sectors in the public service (ministries, courts, security services, ...).

It was founded 20 years ago (1990), when the public service trade union of the former Socialist regime was dissolved.

Various prominent persons had been invited to take the floor on the occasion of the celebration, among whom Mr Péter Kiss, Minister of Social Policy, and Mr László Herczog, Minister of Social Affairs and Labour. Endre Szabó and László Varga

represented SZEZ, the umbrella organisation for public service trade unions in Hungary.

During the speeches, it became clear that KSZSZ aims to continue its mission which is to represent the interests of workers in the public service. Thus it intends to struggle for the increase of wages in the public service (which should reach at least the average lower level of wages in the EU), participate in negotiations on reforms in the public service, on the development of the legal statute of civil servants, etc.



Bert Van Caelenberg represented Eurofedop on this occasion. During his speech, he stressed the evolution which KSZSZ has made from the moment that it became member of Eurofedop (1991) until today, when it has turned into a competent and representative trade union organisation in the public service.

He also had a conversation with Minister László Herczog, during which he expressed dissatisfaction over the provisional results of a representativeness study carried out by the European Commission.

The Minister promised to deal with this dossier, when Hungary will assume the presidency of the Union, within the framework of the "Troika" activities, in consultation with KSZSZ.

At the end of the celebration, the participants were invited to a reception, where Bert Van Caelenberg was happy to meet again and have a pleasant talk with many trade union officials who have cooperated with Eurofedop over the last 20 years.

