

Mr Jean-Claude Juncker

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Dear President,

On behalf of the European Centre of Employers and Entreprises providing Public Services (CEEP), we would like to warmly congratulate you on your election as President of the European Commission.

As representatives of providers of services central in European citizens' life, we see your election as a much-needed step to **bring Europe closer again to its citizens**. Your references to Mr Delors and Mr Kohl at the European Parliament are confirmations of your awareness that confidence in the **European social model has to be restored**.

As cross-sectoral social partner representing public services' employers at European level, we see in your election the opportunity for reviving the central role that the European Social Dialogue should play in Europe. We welcome very much your goal of being the "**President of Social Dialogue**". And, on top of everything, we welcome your clear **focus on restoring growth and jobs**.

We are committed to support you and the future European Commission to anchor **growth-enhancing policies** into the next five-year agenda. In that respect, we present you what we consider to be two concrete, feasible and immediate measures to reach that goal:

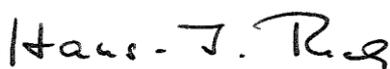
- Exclude **from the calculation of each country's public spending deficit the investments made in physical and social infrastructures**;
- Develop a **clear and legal framework for long term investments**, and finalise without delay the legislation concerning the European Long Term Investments Funds.

Besides immediate action, Europe however needs a **profound shift of paradigm** and we would be glad to be your partner in designing a new direction for the EU.

On our side, we are already doing our part in that direction, as public services providers and employers all over Europe have been facing the need of fast adaptation to change in the last years, both in terms of services provisions and employment practices. **Innovative thinking** is at the center of CEEP members' ability to cope with change, always being able to do "more with less".

We would most welcome the opportunity to meet you at your earliest convenience in order to share with you our proposals and see how best we can support you.

Yours sincerely,



Hans-Joachim Reck
President



Valeria Ronzitti
General Secretary

CEEP is one of the three general cross-sectoral European Social Partners. It gathers public and private providers of services of general interest from across Europe. CEEP members contribute to more than 26% of EU GDP and employ 30% of the EU workforce.