



Portfolio of the Trade Council ‘Central administration and Finances’

Who does the Trade Council represent?

Central administrations are occasionally defined as ‘central government departments or ministries, which assume a planning, regulatory and coordination role, as opposed to supplying public services’. However, they can vary from country to country, depending on state structure, organisation and function.

The Trade Council ‘Central Administration and Finances’ is thus made up of representatives from CESI’s affiliates which represent officials and other civil servants working in the public service, mostly in government, agency and EU administrations.

How does the Trade Council work?

The Trade Council brings together representatives from central authorities and finance, in order to exchange experiences and practical examples, compare national reforms and draft position papers on European initiatives in this field. Political initiatives are taken following discussions with CESI’s executive committees.

By virtue of their national representativeness, representatives of the Trade Council may participate directly in the European sectoral social dialogue committee ‘Central authorities’. The social dialogue in this sector, which brings together a trade union delegation for national and European administrations (TUNED – CESI and EPSU) with employer representatives in European public administration in (EUPAE), intends to simplify the exchange of information and exert influence over EU initiatives for employees in central authorities. Members of the Trade Council are continuously informed about the ongoing work of the social dialogue.

Thanks to its expertise on taxation, CESI is also a member of the Platform for Tax Good Governance, which was set up by the European Commission in 2013. In the platform, experts from the fields of industry, taxation law and interested organisations representing civil society are consulted by the European Commission, in order to exchange expertise, in an effort to lead to a more coordinated and effective approach on the part of the EU when it comes to tackling tax evasion and tax avoidance. Members of the Trade Council are also informed about the work of the platform.

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Which tasks will the Trade Council take on?

In spite of the central role that administrations and financial departments play as stabilising forces in times of crisis, they are often affected by numerous far-reaching reform programmes and austerity measures which are often motivated by a desire to cut costs (as for example in the course of decentralisation, bringing working conditions and status more in line with conditions in the private sector or the privatisation of important functions and services).

Alongside national austerity measures, government authorities must keep track of significant European requirements (for example on cost efficiency and the increasing macroeconomic practical constraints brought about by the European Semester).

Working conditions and employment in centralised administrations are therefore under threat across Europe. Consequently, the work of the Trade Council, i.e. to provide timely information and hold joint votes, is important in order to make it easier for CESI affiliates to position itself with regard to implementing measures at European level and convey a strong stance at EU level.

The Trade Council's most important areas of competence are:

- Public services/central authorities
- Economic and financial administrations
- Customs
- Social dialogue in the field of centralised administrations
- Digitalisation, teleworking

The focal points of the Trade Council's work are:

- Fair taxation: combating tax fraud and tax evasion
- Cost-cutting measures, privatisation of public services
- Making the public service an attractive employer in terms of pay and qualifications
- Staff management in central administrations
- Educating and consulting employees in the public sector: implementing the agreement on the social dialogue (agreed on 21 December 2015) in the member states
- Violence in the workplace
- Undeclared work

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- Consequences of digitisation (inter alia safeguarding social systems, safeguarding employment, etc.)
 - Age-appropriate work in the demographic context.

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