Not so many Unions have replied to the consultations – this does not means that not many people have replied – umbrella organizations have done it for them.
- but we have a sceptical analysis of consultation processes in general
- there is nothing about the role of public services in the roadmap
- we need transition principles

Support of -80% GHG target in 2050
- concern in the Unions that we are not achieving the respect of the max 2°C target; concern that we will go the 4°C
- we think that Unions have to play a huge role in mitigation and adaptation
- concerned about austerity measures that could have especially impact investment on adaptation measures
- EU Roadmap provides direction but the social impacts are missing
- environmental and economy dimensions have to be linked to the social dimensions
- a permanent European stakeholder organism has to be created in order to coordinate the creation of policy measures
- Employment effects of the scenarios – the employment effects towards a low carbon economy are in general positive – the main issue is the shift
- an analysis of the social impacts is something that is missing in the roadmap
- big discussions: it is not clear where the companies have to go for; where the companies have to invest (they need clear targets) then it will be easier for trade union to work with and for the employees

EPSU is advocating a binding energy efficiency target – it is important to achieve effective HG reduction targets
- we need a financing framework
- we advocate financial transaction tax
- Discussion on the introduction of a carbon tax (not on ETS sectors); EPSU has developed a whole range of conditions under which a carbon tax could be operated
- we are concerned about the energy prices (speculation…) we want that this is regulated (the same as for fuel prices)
- better use of structural funds (that Climate change issues are integrated)
- Public procurement – better green criteria
- better market access for green technologies
- EPSU is invested in an initiative “moving beyond GDP / prosperity without growth” (project for 2012)
- strengthening of the eco-design directive
- EU roadmaps should include transition principles: consultations between the governments with stakeholders (Local authorities, business..), investment in low carbon technologies, looking at green skills – promotion of this skills
- respect of trade union rights but also democratic decision making
- strong social protection systems
- we need sectoral roadmaps including the employment elements (this has to be discussed with member states to define needs…)
- impacts of low income households have to be considered
- costs of smart metering (are they cost-efficient for low income households)
- discussion with anti-poverty network
- making funds available for low income households
- EU Roadmap should include a social dimension
- should speak about skills and qualification and present transition principle

- The impact assessment of the Commission: We do not think that the Commission has taken into account all available options.

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