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**Urban Public Transport Working Group
Minutes of the meeting of 25 September 2018**

1. Adoption of draft agenda and draft minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the working group on Urban Public Transport (UPT) on 13 April 2018 were adopted.

The draft agenda of the meeting was also adopted.

2. Election of the UITP President for the UPT European social dialogue and the ETF Vice-President

After three years, it was the moment for the rotation between chair and vice-chair of the committee.

- Benoît Juery (Transdev) was elected as new Chair for the employers' side
- Mira Ball (VERDI) was elected as new Vice-chair for the workers' side.

Mira Ball chaired the meeting. All members of the committee congratulated Alain Sutour for the excellent work he performed as Chair of the committee allowing very good debates and achieving very good progress.

3. Revision of the bus and coach Regulation 1073/2009

Ray Malanaphy from DG MOVE C.1 - Road Transport, presented the state of the negotiation regarding the **Commission's Proposal to revise Regulation 1073/2009** published on 8th November 2017. He presented the amendments proposed by the EU Parliament (rapporteur Mr Zile) which are seen as positive to improve the text proposed by the Commission. His presentation was followed by a long animated debate.

ETF questions and comments focused on the following topics: possible overlaps between private and public operators, questions on the application of 1073/2009, how to perform the test of economic equilibrium, risk of social dumping, low pay and working conditions for drivers especially public service drivers. ETF underlined the issue related to unfair competition between private companies and public services performing Public Service Obligation (PSO). ETF is analysing the amendments, however they are worried about the legal uncertainty created and call on Commission and the European Parliament to withdraw the proposal.

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UTIP and IRU indicated that in their view the report by the European parliament represents good amendments and improves the text proposed by the Commission. However, IRU underlined that there are still progress to be achieved notably on cabotage rules.

Ray Malanaphy clarified that Urban and suburban transport will not be impacted by the proposal. The European parliament report has proposed an amendment that would enable Member States' to refuse access to services applying for authorisation in these areas. Passenger and freight transport are two different markets; they should not be compared. Furthermore, cabotage in road passenger transport requires preapproval and the Member States may require establishment for domestic regular services. These are considerable deterrents against social dumping. The PSO are not abolished. Commercial services and services under PSO are not mutually exclusive. There is room for both services in the passenger transport market.

4. Digital transformation and social dialogue in the urban public transport sector in Europe

Ellen Durst from MOVE. B.5 - Social Aspects, Passenger Rights and Equal Opportunities DG MOVE presented the aim of the participatory conference on social aspects of digitalisation and automation to take place on 20 November with representatives of the social partners.

ETF mentioned several studies or projects going on those issues that will be shared. ETF informed that the social partners have introduced a joint application under the social dialogue call for proposals about digital transformation and social dialogue in UPT in Europe.

5. Review of the UITP - ETF Joint Recommendations on insecurity and the feeling of insecurity

UITP delegate from Finland presented a study regarding the insecurity in bus and coach companies in Finland (see slides).

ETF delegate from Italy presented the work safety in local public transport situation in Italy (see slides)

An interesting exchange of view took place regarding measures put in place to combat violence in UPT such as usage of cameras or anonymous reporting procedures. It was underlined that investments, notably public budget is a key factor to fight violence in UPT.

ETF/UITP indicated that a task force regarding violence and insecurity was established considering also the link with health and safety at work. There are many issues discussed within this task force, on-going initiatives are being collected. A joint recommendation will be prepared on third party violence as well as on violence inside the company (by colleagues). Works will continue on this joint recommendation to be discussed at the next working group meeting in 2019.

6. State of play of the joint UITP/ETF project on the social dialogue in the Eastern European Countries

This joint project is aiming to reinforce social dialogue in Eastern countries through the organisation of three fact-finding seminars to take place in Sofia, Prague and Warsaw followed by three workshops including in total UPT social partners from 12 CEE and SEE countries . It was explained that also at national / local level difficulties exist to reach the social partners and come to interesting discussions.

7. State of implementation of the UPT social dialogue Work Programme 2018/2019

The social partners reviewed the two years' work programme of the UPT working group:

- Following the study on social conditions in UPT, discussions took place to prepare a joint statement. However, the social partners did not agree on the issue of transfer of staff. Therefore, the social partners will not present a joint statement.
- A mid-term report on strengthening women employment in the UPT is foreseen to be discussed at the 2019 September meeting.

8. Any other business

- Next meetings for the UPT working group are foreseen on 12 February and 24 September 2019.

Participants

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