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**SECTORAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE
ROAD TRANSPORT**

Minutes of the working group meeting 16 March 2018

1. Adoption of the meeting's draft agenda and the draft minutes of the plenary meeting 27 October 2017

Mr Alfred ROUAUX (CFDT) representing the workers' organisation chaired the meeting.

The minutes of the plenary meeting of 27 October 2017 were adopted.

Matthias MAEDGE (IRU) gave an introductory remark on behalf of the road industry to react to public statements¹ made by trade unions regarding the current negotiations between European Commission, the European Parliament and the Council on the revision of EU driving and rest time rules, and possible amendments and derogations for the coach tourism sector that would jeopardise road safety. He reiterated the primary importance of road safety for the industry and stressed that road safety is not something that can be negotiated.

The ETF delegation reacted by underlining that the propositions by IRU on driver time would impact the road safety. The Unions position was to not modify the rules on driving time.

It was concluded that discussions among the social partners on those issues would be the best mean to addressing possible disputes.

2. Mobility Packages – Progress made

- Ray MALANAPHY (DG MOVE) presented the proposal to revise Regulation 1073/2009 on common rules for accessing the international market for coach services adopted by the Commission in November 2017 but not yet discussed at Council level (see slides).
- Eddy LIEGEOIS (DG MOVE) presented the state of play regarding the Commissions' proposals adopted on 31 May 2017. He reminded that the aim is to adopt the proposals under the term of this European Parliament legislative period. The Transport Council should adopt the common general approach in June 2018. The European Parliament vote is foreseen at the plenary meeting in July. Adoption of the final texts is expected by April 2019. He indicated that the most sensitive issues in view of reaching an

¹ Joint statement <http://www.etf-europe.org/etf-news-online.cfm/newsdetail/11734> by the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF), the European Cyclists' Federation (ECF), the European Federation of Road Traffic Victims (FEVR) and the European Transport Safety Council (ETSC).

agreement relate to issues such as lorry driver rest and driving time and definition of returning home. The extension of provisions to light commercial vehicles was on the table as well. An emerging issue related to the regular weekly rest is the need of proper safe and secure parking areas. The enforcement of rules such as the introduction and use of smart tachograph are also discussed during the negotiations.

3. Presentation of recent European Commission initiatives in the field of employment

- Federico PANCALDI (DG EMPL) presented the Commission proposal regarding the **European Labor Authority (ELA)** adopted on 13 March 2018 (see slides). The aim is to adopt the Regulation through a legislative process still in 2019. ETF raised the specific road transport's issues and interaction between the enforcement's Authorities, between ELA and Member States and at national level (Transport and Employment Ministries, ...). IRU insisted on the competence of the Member States in that area and that ELA could only be a supportive body. Federico PANCALDI explained that ELA would support cooperation on top of what already exists. ELA would allow more cross border and sectoral approaches. The focus will be on the administrative aspects, the policy decisions remaining to the Commission. Participation of the social partners in the governance of the Authority will be through a stakeholder group with an advisory function.
- Lambert KLEINMANN (DG EMPL) presented **Platform on Undeclared Work** and Seminar on 1 June 2018 and the Road Transport Seminar foreseen on 1 June 2018 (see slides). He reminded that the seminar will be open to the members of the Platform. However, depending on their participation, the road transport social partners will be invited as far as possible. He mentioned an opportunity for funding activities in the field of addressing undeclared work through a call for proposals published on 8/3/2018 with a deadline for application on the 13/6/2018.

4. Women in transport

- Sophie MARIN-COMBEAUD (DG MOVE) presented the **Platform for change on women in transport** (see slides).
- Myriam COULET (ETF) presented the **ETF study on violence on women in transport** (see slides).
- In the following exchanges of views ETF raised the issue of attractiveness of the sector for women considering the poor working conditions. IRU agreed that improving gender equality is important to address driver shortage in the profession. The different types of actions that could be suitable in fighting against violence were also discussed. Awareness raising and education were mentioned as key activities for that purpose. The possibility to have a joint statement by IRU and ETF was also mentioned. The chair also made a declaration regarding violence at work and underlined that it involves physical and moral violence and is not only directed towards women. It was concluded that joint reflections should continue and that concrete ideas will be discussed as part of the Committee work programme.

5. Project SPHERE: Information by the Social Partners

Roberto PARRILLO (ETF) presented the developments with the joint project SPHERE co-funded by DG EMPL. The 1st workshop will address driving time and rest time and the 2nd workshop market access and cabotage. Background papers are foreseen to prepare the discussions between the social partners. Two other workshops are foreseen before the end of the project, the 31 January 2019.

6. Joint Statement to ensure a swift follow up of the European Court of Justice (ECJ) decision on services offered by commercial transport intermediaries ETF-IRU

The ETF and IRU presented their joint statement adopted following the case C-434/15. The principle for this statement is "same rules for the same services". It will be published on the committee website as one of its outcome.

7. SSDC Work Programme for 2018 - 2019

The SSDC work programme 2018-2019 was ready to be published.

List of participants 27/10/2017

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