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Meeting of the working group "Urban public transport"

30 April 2008

Concise minutes (adopted on 10 November 2009)

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

The agenda and the minutes of the last meeting (5 March 2007) were adopted. The meeting was chaired by Mr Armengol (employers).

2. Green Paper on Urban Transport (COM/2007/551)

ETF presented an analysis of the points taken by the European Commission from the social partners' joint declaration. In some areas, the social partners' views were reflected in the Green Paper, such as financing, quality, and training. However, some points had not been taken into account: measurable targets, the role of employees, the potential to create employment. Here, the social partners should act again together.

UITP thanked the workers' side for this analysis. The parties had separately responded to the consultation opened by the Green Paper. UITP invited ETF to propose a text for a joint letter. ETF was ready to do that if the UITP/ETF paper of 2007 was the basis. The position of IRU, CER and CEEP was unclear to ETF. IRU agreed to send some input for a joint approach. The other parties were also invited to send their elements. The joint letter could be sent to the Commission in mid-June.

3. State of play of the QSTP project

UITP informed about the project "Competence-based Service Quality in Urban Transport – Organisational development and new career paths for drivers" carried out by SFS Dortmund. For the time being, the social partners were discussing the future joint recommendations at secretariats' level. ETF thanked UITP for their first draft. The participants discussed some elements (quality of service, polyvalence, internal flexibility, ecological driving, etc.). The Commission representative drew the social partners' attention to the toolkit available on the social dialogue website: http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_dialogue/toolkit_en.htm

4. Insecurity in local public transport

Mr Radlinger (workers) informed the meeting of the Commission's conference on "Third party violence"¹ in which he had participated for ETF. Much of the problems discussed were transferable to local public transport. It would be important to bring the issue back on the agenda. Mr Springer (employers) presented a synthesis of the actions taken in public transport companies organised in the VDV against the feeling of insecurity in vehicles or stations.

However, at European level, no follow-up had taken place of the joint declaration on "Insecurity and feeling of insecurity in local public transport" (see the sectoral dialogue committee's work programme). For ETF, it would be important to find out which actions took place as a result of the social partners' recommendations and to identify in which areas action was most needed. No concrete decision was taken.

5. Promoting best value through social dialogue

Mr Henke (workers) reported of another conference organised by the Commission on the subject "Promoting best value through social dialogue"². Based on the presented experiences, the social partners should consider establishing guidelines for the local public transport sector, too. For ETF, such specific guidelines were desirable in cases of a competitive tendering procedure (Regulation (EC) No 1370/2007 of 23 October 2007 on public passenger transport services by rail and by road).

UITP considered that it might be possible to work on this issue. They would consult the documents of the conference and come back to ETF afterwards.

6. Training

UITP informed the meeting about the "I & I days" they intended to organise in November. They would deal amongst others with the implementation of the driver training directive. ETF was ready to participate actively in the conference.

7. Women

ETF proposed to plan a concrete project on the promotion of female employment in the local public transport sector. In the rail sector, the social partners had successfully signed joint recommendations³ which could serve as a basis. UITP was not hostile to such an initiative and considered that it would be possible to prepare a project by September.

8. Any other business

Mr Armengol informed the working group that he would step down as a chair. UITP proposed ETF to take over the chairmanship. ETF thanked Mr Armengol for his positive role in the working group and agreed to chair the meetings for the next turn.

¹ Programme and presentations: http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_dialogue/conference_en.htm

² Programme and presentations: http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/social_dialogue/conference_en.htm

³ http://ec.europa.eu/employment_social/dsw/public/displayRecord.do?id=5041

Annex: List of participants 30.4.2008

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