



Minutes of the plenary meeting of 7 December 2018

1. Adoption of the draft agenda and minutes of the working group meeting 29 June 2018

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

The minutes of the working group meeting of 29 June 2018 were not adopted pending approval by ETF. The draft agenda was adopted.

2. European Commission Mobility Packages 1, 2 and 3: state of play

a. State of play of Mobility Packages 1 and 2

Eddy Liegeois (DG MOVE C1) reported on the state of play regarding the road mobility packages I and II. He indicated that the Transport Ministers Council reached a general approach on the social and market aspects on 3 December. The vote of the European Parliament is foreseen the 10 January 2019. The trilogue should therefore start early February 2019.

Mr. Liegeois first confirmed that the Commission is ready for the launching of the tachograph V1 by mid-June 2019. As regards to the introduction of the V2 smart tachograph, allowing more effective control of rule enforcement, the Commission is working with the JRC on the specifications to be ready by 2020 for an implementation by 2024.

Mr. Liegeois reported on the main aspects of the file regarding the rules for cabotage and access to the market. As regards to driving and rest periods he indicated that the Member States agreed to maintain the calculation of the reference period for the repartition of the rest time and the ban on regular weekly rest periods on board of the truck. In addition, the compromise foresees that a driver engaged in international operations should be able to return to the operational centre of the company or his residence once every four weeks. Regarding the approach adopted on posting, the application or not of the posting rules would depend on the nature of the transport.

This presentation was followed by a Q&A session. To conclude IRU indicated that the social partners jointly support the introduction of the smart tachograph and insisted on the need to respect the milestones for its implementation by 15 June 2019. ETF indicated that they appreciate the advancements on the market pillar of the package; however, ETF disagrees with the measures regarding the social aspects.

b. *Proposal for a EU Regulation on electronic freight transport information (eFTI)*

Lia Potec (DG MOVE D1) informed about the proposal for a EU Regulation on electronic freight transport information aiming at a harmonised EU general framework for electronic exchange between business to authority of freight transport information. She reported on the results of the impact assessment supporting this proposal (see slides).

3. European Labour Authority (ELA)

Federico Pancaldi (DG EMPL) reported on the state of play of the Commission's proposal for a European Labour Authority adopted in March 2018. The aim of this new body would be to support Member States in implementing EU legislation in the areas of cross-border labour mobility. He indicated that the Council agreed its general approach on the establishment of a Labour Authority on 6 December. One notable change compared to the Commission's proposal is that the Council general approach excludes social security coordination from the scope of the Authority. The European Parliament vote is foreseen on 11 December.

4. Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas in Europe

Frederik Rasmussen (DG MOVE C1) presented the aim of the study commissioned on Safe and Secure Parking Places for Trucks.

Mr. de Leeuw van Weenen from PANTEIA presented the results of the study's survey on parking areas based on which proposals for EU standards for safe and secure parking areas were developed. The study also maps the needs and analyses the demand and supply of secure truck parking in Europe (see slides).

The conclusion of the study shows gaps in term of availability of safe and secure parking areas in the EU. Frederik Rasmussen informed that the Commission plans to continue to work on developing possible future standards through the setting-up of an expert group and the provision of funding.

IRU stated its support for the study results and the creation of a European network of safe and secure truck parking areas in Europe. The social partners discussed the situation in the Member States, reported on on-going works and decided to continue to invest in that area.

5. Best practice by social partners: training of tanker drivers scheme in the UK

Adrian Jones (ETF affiliate UNITE the UNION) presented a best practice relating to the Petroleum Drivers Passport (see slides).

The participants further exchanged about the different practices in their Member States.

It was also agreed to systematically foresee discussions on good examples in the framework of the SSDC's meetings.

6. Drivers shortage

Oleg Kamberski (IRU) presented the work IRU has launched regarding the issue of drivers shortage in the road transport sector. He explained that a dedicated IRU driver shortage task force proposed, and the IRU decision making bodies adopted, in November 2018, a Road Map

containing short, medium and long-term actions (see slides), to address the issue of driver shortage. He also offered to the trade unions to partner and start by identify, jointly a list of issues, on which they could agree and work together in the future, such as collecting evidence, working conditions, analysis of the implementation of the driver's training directive and on other related issues to improve the attractiveness of the sector.

During the discussion, ETF stated its willingness to cooperate, but reminded that in their view the shortage of drivers is mainly due to the lack of attractiveness of the sector and its poor working conditions

The social partners will consider addressing jointly the issue, including potentially through a joint project under the social dialogue call for proposals in 2019.

7. EC-funded SPHERE project

The social partners reported on the outcome of the SPHERE project and on the conference that took place on 6 December 2018. The social partners expressed their opinion that the project was useful; it finally focussed on enforcement-related issues of the social aspects of Mobility Package 1. In the framework of the negotiations, the social partners adopted a joint IRU-ETF statement for better regulation and digital enforcement.

8. Report on the social dialogue working group on Urban Public Transport (UPT)

Brigitte Ollier (UITP) reported on the social dialogue working group on Urban Public Transport. She mentioned that UITP took the presidency of the UPT working group. She explained that the social partners have worked on a joint recommendation on social conditions in the UPT sector, however because of disagreements on the issue of transfer of staff in case of change of operator, the social partners could not agree on a final draft. Ms. Ollier also mentioned that the working group is dealing with insecurity and feeling on insecurity in UPT and is implementing a EU project on digital transformation of the companies and its impact on workers (see also the minutes of the working group meetings¹).

9. SSDC Work Programme 2018 – 2019

The work-programme 2018-2019 adopted at the last year plenary meeting in 2017 would need appropriate up-date that will be adopted by writing procedure before new publication.

10. AOB

Meetings in 2019:

- Meeting 1: UPT 12/02
- Meeting 2: Road 18/03
- Meeting 3: Road 2/07
- Meeting 4: UPT 24/09
- Meeting 5: Road plenary 9/12

The list of participants is available in AGM

¹ <https://circabc.europa.eu/faces/jsp/extension/wai/navigation/container.jsp>