



Brussels, 17 April 2013

**SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE
COMMITTEE
INLAND WATERWAY TRANSPORT**

**Minutes
Working group meeting of 1 February 2013**

1. Adoption of the agenda and approval of the minutes of the previous meeting

The meeting was introduced by Ms Durst (Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, DG EMPL). She invited the audience to observe a moment of silence for Mr Lehninger (chair of the committee, workers) who had passed away on 14 December 2012.

The minutes of the previous meeting (12 November 2012) were adopted. The agenda was adopted.

2. Designation of the new president of the committee

For the remainder of the mandate (two years as from 6 October 2011), Mr Pauptit from Nautilus International was designated as chairman of the committee.

3. Discussion on draft social partners' position on EU training and certifications' legal framework

As agreed at the last meeting, the entire working group meeting was dedicated to the issue "training and certification" with a view to come to a joint position, at least on a number of criteria. Two papers had been submitted for discussion: ETF's comprehensive draft social partners' position (22 pages, available in EN, FR and DE) and an EBU/ESO "basic version" of a draft social papers' position (2 pages in EN). It was agreed to go through the long document first and then look at the short version.

ETF briefly introduced each chapter¹ (see agenda of the meeting), followed by discussions on technical details. EDINNA also gave important input to the debate. Afterwards, EBU presented the short document which was aimed at delivering a political message to the Commission. Both sides tended to agree that ETF's paper was too long

¹ The fifth bullet point on page 10 (EN version) should read "boatman certificate" instead of "boatmaster certificate".

and the employers' paper too short. It would be crucial to come to a common paper which would include all points on which the social partners had a common view. One should leave aside the controversial points, on which agreement could possibly be found at a later stage.

The parties decided to meet in a smaller working group on 6 March in order to prepare such a common draft paper, which would be discussed at the next social dialogue meeting.

DG MOVE informed the social partners that the Commission would launch, by mid-February, a public consultation on the recognition of professional qualifications and training standards in inland navigation. This online consultation would last 12 weeks. It would be good if the social partners could provide their input within this timeframe, too.

4. Any other business

DG EMPL announced that the contract for the "Study on the costs and benefits of the implementation of the European Agreement on working time in inland waterway transport – A comparison with the status quo" would soon be signed. The terms of reference of the study would then be sent to the social partners.

The next planned meeting dates are: 17 April, 16 September, 4 December. Both sides of industry asked to change the December date because it clashed with CCNR's new date for its Congress (Strasbourg, 3-4 December 2013).

Participants 1.2.2013

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| <p>Employers (5 ♂, 1 ♀)</p> <p>EBU Mr Leandri (FR) Mr Naaborgh (NL) Mr Rusche (DE)</p> <p>ESO Ms Beckschäfer (DE) Mr Kester (NL) Mr Van Lancker (BE)</p> | <p>Workers (5 ♂, 3 ♀)</p> <p>ETF Mr Bleser (LU) Ms Chaffart (ETF) Mr Jung (LU) Mr Kerkhof (BE) Mr Kerkhofs (BE) Ms Latron (FR) Mr Pauptit (NL) Ms Sokolova (BG)</p> |
| <p>European Commission</p> <p>Ms Durst (DG EMPL) Mr Dieter (DG MOVE) Mr Pytko (DG MOVE)</p> | <p>Others</p> <p>Mr van Reem (EDINNA)</p> |