

# Social Dialogue Furniture: work programme 2014/15

POLICY AREA	TOPIC	Aim	Period	Responsible
<b>Industry Policy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the EU-Industry policy and working out a paper on European industry policy</li> <li>• Initiating a debate with the Economic and Social Committee</li> <li>• Timber Regulation</li> <li>• Social Quality Label</li> <li>• Initiatives for innovation in the sector</li> <li>• Sustainable development</li> <li>• Follow up activities on a Social Label</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presenting a joint policy paper, covering the various aspects</li> <li>• Specific action related to single initiatives of the EU</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissemination/Promoting the inclusion of social standards in existing labels</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spring 2015</li> <li>• When requested</li> <li>• 2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both parties - secretariats</li> </ul>
<b>Environment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promotion and awareness activities</li> <li>• Eco-label</li> <li>• Consumer product regulation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defining our interest in these issues</li> <li>• Collecting existing national positions/policies</li> <li>• Preparing a joint policy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2014 -2015</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both parties secretariats</li> </ul>

<b>Training &amp; education</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bolster Up project</li> <li>• Bolster Up – Follow Up project</li> <li>• Evaluation of the EU policies in the area of VET</li> <li>• Demographic Change and education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of European core qualifications / improving our capacity to influence VET policies on EU level</li> <li>• Establishing the concept in more countries / enlarging the platform</li> <li>• ongoing</li> <li>• Assessment of the specific situation in our sector – evaluation of possible joint initiatives</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2014 – 2015</li> <li>• 2015 – 2016</li> <li>• ongoing</li> <li>• ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working party / Secretariat</li> <li>• Working party / Secretariat</li> <li>• Working party / Secretariat</li> <li>• Working party / Secretariat</li> </ul>
<b>Occupational health and safety</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Examine the application of Nano- technologies in the furniture sector</li> <li>• Revision of the carcinogenic directive and possible directive on musculoskeletal disorders</li> <li>• New Community strategy for OSH – 20013 to 2020</li> <li>• Examine the EU-policies in</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Early awareness of possible negative health effects – influencing the EU policy</li> <li>• Better lobbying for a progressive revision of the Directive</li> <li>• Aim is an ambitious strategy 2013 to 2020</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ongoing</li> <li>• Timing is not clear</li> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Working party / plenary meeting</li> </ul> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>

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<b>Follow-up activities in the candidate countries</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accident reduction in enlargement countries: extension of accident reduction project to the candidate countries.</li> <li>• Social dialogue in candidate countries and to Balkan countries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Applying for a joint project</li> <li>• Improving our ties and communication with CEE countries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2014</li> <li>• Ongoing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secretariat / Working party</li> <li>• Secretariat / Chairman</li> </ul>