



## EUROPEAN SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE IN EDUCATION

Steering Committee, meeting 13 December 2011

### Minutes

Chair: David Simmonds (EFEE)

The chair started the meeting by thanking David Poissonneau, who will be leaving the ETUCE shortly, for the huge amount of work accomplished as one of the main driving forces of the Education social dialogue committee. He also thanked Ilse Schaad for her active contribution to the ESSDE meetings. Ms Schaad will be replaced by Udo Beckman.

#### **1. Presentation of the "Study on Educational and training services: Anticipating the challenges"**

Radosław Owczarzak (RO), research manager at EUROFOUND, presented the recently published "Study on Educational and training services: Anticipating the challenges"<sup>1</sup>, including: the policy context and objectives of the study; the most important challenges facing the sector and the lessons learnt from the case studies; and the 4 scenarios for the future that were developed in the report.

RO offered to further disseminate the findings of the study in other fora, including at national level.

Responding to delegates' questions, RO explained that: the case studies included in the report provide a number of options for making school leader positions more attractive; that the current pressure on wages is mainly due to the overall economic climate and not so much to the low impact of standards as regards qualifications.

See the presentation in [annex](#).

#### **2. Finalisation of the Joint Work Programme 2012-2013**

The draft work programme was discussed and a consensus was reached on all outstanding points, including:

<sup>1</sup> <http://www.eurofound.europa.eu/emcc/content/source/eu11001a.htm>

- Quality in education: adaptation of the schedule and outcomes in function of the timing of the project;
- Skills: reformulation of actors to clarify that members of EFEE and ETUCE are included;
- Promotion of social dialogue: priorities (i.e. targeted Member States) will be decided in concertation.

It was also decided to include the continued involvement of EFEE and ETUCE in the European Policy Network in School Leadership to the text.

Martin Rømer (MR) informed the committee that ETUCE will discuss with EPSU the coverage of non-teaching staff in the Education SSDC. Conclusions of this discussion will be shared with the committee.

### **3. Joint letter to Commissioner Vassiliou on the Professional Qualifications Directive**

Given that since the public consultation on the revision of the Professional Qualifications Directive no new elements are available, it was agreed to wait for the first legislative proposal of the European Commission, expected by mid-December, before considering a joint letter to Commissioner Vassiliou.

### **4. AOB**

The Steering Committee meeting of 24/05/2012 will be rescheduled.

In line with the rules of procedure of the Education SSDC, Ronnie Smith and David Simmonds will act respectively as President and Vice-President of the Committee as from 2012.

### **Annex**

- Point 1 – Presentation Education and training services: Anticipating the challenges

List of participants 13/12/2011

<p><u>Employers</u></p> <p><b>EFEE</b></p> <p>Mr Michael MORIARTY (IE) Mr Charles NOLDA (EU) Mr David SIMMONDS (UK) Ms Bianka STEGE (EU)</p> <p><b>4 employers representatives</b> <b>(1 woman, 3 men)</b> <b>(2 EU; 0 new MS, 2 old MS)</b></p>	<p><u>Workers</u></p> <p><b>ETUCE</b></p> <p>Ms Cecilie BECH LINDGREN (trainee, EU) Ms Kounka DAMIANOVA (BG) Mr David POISSONNEAU (EU) Mr Martin ROMER (EU) Ms Alexandra RUEDIG (EU) Ms Ilse SCHAAD (DE) Mr Ronald SMITH (UK)</p> <p><b>7 workers representatives</b> <b>(4 women, 3 men)</b> <b>(4 EU, 1 new MS, 2 old MS)</b></p>
<p><u>European Commission</u></p> <p>Mr Stefaan CEUPPENS (EMPL.B.1)</p>	