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Minutes of the working group of the Social Dialogue Committee for the Construction Sector on "Initial and continuing vocational training" Gijón, 27.06.2008

Mr Lair (FR/FFB - FIEC), the executive chairman of this meeting, welcomes the participants and asks Mr Perri (IT/ANCE - FIEC), chairman, to take the floor. Mr Perri addresses his welcome to the participants.

Mr Lair refers to the ongoing Gijón Conference of the RE.FORM.E- network and congratulates the organizers for this interesting and innovative event. After a short "tour de table" he announces that the agenda has to be changed with item 5 moving before item 2.

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 12/02/2008

The minutes of the meeting held on 12/02/2008 are approved unanimously.

5. Fostering the attractiveness of the construction sector

Presentation of the PC/Internet game "Magic College" and discussion

(Slides are joined to the minutes)

Ms Repellin (FR/FFB – FIEC) presents the proposal of "Paraschool – Solutions éducatives" for an online 3D version of the Magic College game "Help young Europeans discover building industry trades through a fun and educational trans-European challenge". The social partners agree to clear up the question of languages by an internal survey and to try to find a way to finance the game.

2. Social Partner Projects in the field of vocational training – state of the affairs:

- EQF (European Qualifications Framework)

(Slides are joined to the minutes)

Mr Bernd Garstka – (Berufsförderungswerk der Bauindustrie, DE/HDB -FIEC), refers to the presentations he has given at the last meetings, and adds that this project will be co-financed by DG EAC. He gives a short presentation concerning the ongoing work on the project and mentions in particular, that 8 – 10 countries will be chosen where this model could be applied.

Ms Nina Georgieva (BG/BCC - FIEC) and Ms Velyana Nickolova (BG/BCC - FIEC) report on Bulgarian projects in connection with the EQF project.

In answering a question from Mr Wenngren (Swedish Electricians' Union – EFBWW), Mr Garstka explains that his work was essentially descriptive with a focus on quality (not on quantity).

Mr Perri insists on the fact that the FIEC is most interested in methodology; but in any case, the work has to be done together with the trade unions.

- "Bricklayer"- application for a grant

Since Mr Gehring (EFBWW), due to illness, had to return immediately to Belgium, Mr Campogrande (FIEC) gives a short overview of the actual state of affairs.

The EFBWW has introduced the application for the "Bricklayer- Project" under the "Leonardo" budget line; FIEC is partner in the project. The proposal has cleared the first phase, the official answer is expected for the end of July.

(Note: since then DG EAC has accepted the bricklayer project).

3. Future skills in the construction sector (DG ENTR study)

Mr Campogrande reports on the DG ENTR study on skills in the construction sector.

There exists already a draft document for the first meetings, concerning the monitoring mechanisms and an exchange with representatives of several Member States. Since it is too early at this stage to agree on a common message, it is necessary to continue to put this item on the agenda of the SSDC meetings and – if necessary – to find a joint position.

Mr Trinci (FENEAL-UIL – EFBWW) and Mr Wenngren (Swedish Electricians' Union – EFBWW) point out that the old and the new methodologies should be used in order to avoid the risk of producing obsolete work, and mention a Dublin Foundation study on the same issue. New messages and new experiences should be evaluated.

The Bulgarian employers' representatives report on a Bulgarian study to present a better picture of the construction sector in Bulgaria.

4. EU- Programme for Study Visits

Mr Campogrande reports on the content of possible study visits in Sweden, Romania and Poland. It is necessary to find funding possibilities and – for this – insist on the need to better highlight the added value which these kinds of visits would bring.

A meeting with CEDEFOP was held on this issue, but there are no possibilities in 2008/2009. CEDEFOP will develop a new program starting in September 2009 and would very much appreciate if the construction sector could be included.

The EFBWW suggests to examine as an alternative the possibility of a multiannual program in the framework of the new Leonardo-da-Vinci budget line, something which is probably easier to organize.

6. Miscellaneous

Priorities for the LLL programs 2009:

Due to the absence of Mr Gehring, no information can be provided by the EFBWW.

The Bulgarian employers' representatives suggest an exchange of information on the ongoing projects and their results. In Bulgaria, it would be good to have training measures that are supported by the trade unions.

The chair thanks all the participants, in particular those who had prepared papers and presentations, as well as the interpreters.

7. Next meetings:

Proposed dates: 20/21 January 2009, 1/2 October 2009.

The time schedule will be approved at the next plenary meeting.

ANNEX

Slides EQF, Mr Garstka

Slides Paraschool Project, Ms Repellin