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Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee on Personal Services **Working group meeting on 23 March 2010, Brussels** **Minutes**

The secretariat for the European Hairdressing Certificate met from 9:30 until 10:30. Mr Boerland (Coiffure EU) chaired the working group meeting, which started at 10:30.

1. Risk prevention and health protection

The European Commission (Mr Schwarz) outlined the current legal situation with respect to the draft European framework agreement on the prevention of health risks in the hairdressing sector that was negotiated by the social partners in 2009.

In a first reaction, UNI europa expressed disappointment with the delay that the need for a study on the scope of the agreement seems to imply. Coiffure EU underlined the importance that coverage of the self-employed has for the employers and therefore voiced support.

UNI europa proposed to sign the agreement in June as planned, only covering employers and dependent workers. At the same time the Commission could launch the study to see whether the self-employed could be included later in the scope of the agreement. Coiffure EU pointed out that the basis of negotiations for the employers had been that the agreement would become a directive and that it would cover everyone in the hairdressing sector, so if a study is now needed to answer some legal questions, it is necessary to take the time.

UNI europa and Coiffure EU agreed to call another meeting of the negotiations task force before the June plenary to further discuss these issues. The meeting was scheduled for 31 May.

Mr Röhr (Coiffure EU) and Mr Laurent (UNI europa) then reported on the progress of the SafeHair project that is being carried out jointly with the University of Osnabrück and that had its first workshop in February. The focus had been on skin protection, with three working groups, speeches and a small musical presentation. Mr Monggaard (UNI europa) confirmed that the next working group meeting of the project would be held in Copenhagen on 17 and 18 June.

2. European Hairdressing Certificate

Mr Monggaard (UNI europa) gave a presentation – prepared jointly with Coiffure EU – on the current state of play of implementing the social partners' agreement.



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Mr Monggaard suggested that Mr Chantalat could work on the national matrices to ensure comparability between the national education and training systems in the sector and the European Hairdressing Certificate. He also reported that Austria and Denmark will prepare material to send to a limited number of pilot countries, where the certificate will be launched first. It is hoped that by June there would be first results that could be discussed at the plenary meeting.

Coiffure EU informed the committee that it wished to enlarge the secretariat of the European Hairdressing Certificate through the participation of Mr Marino.

3. Educational congress Venice

Mr Vos (Coiffure EU) reported on the proposal to postpone the congress to March 2011 and to apply for funding with the European Commission at the August 2010 deadline. The programme of the congress should be in line with the actions on education undertaken in the social dialogue committee. This means that the European Hairdressing Certificate level B and C should feature on the agenda, along with the European Qualifications Framework. Of great importance will be the implementation on the national level, and the congress should help establish a European inventory in order to have information on the state of affairs in each Member State. In addition, the topic of cross-border mobility and exchange programmes between EU countries should also be addressed at the congress.

Mr Marino (Coiffure EU) pointed out that the uncertainty arising out of the upcoming regional elections in Italy were one of the reasons for postponing the congress. The envisaged date is now 27 and 28 March 2011.

4. Beauty sector

Mr Monggaard (UNI europa) reported on the application for funding that has been submitted to the European Commission. The objective is to develop a training system in the sector, and partners from 7 countries will participate. The project applicant is a technical college.

5. Commission information points

Mr Schwarz (European Commission) confirmed the dates of the next meetings of the social dialogue committee: plenary on 15 June, steering group on 14 September, working group on 12 October, plenary on 7 December.

The Chair thanked the interpreters for their work and closed the meeting.