



EUROPEAN SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE IN EDUCATION

11 JUNE 2010

MINUTES FROM THE FIRST PLENARY MEETING

1. Inauguration speeches

Inauguration speeches were given by Robert Verrue, Director-General DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities of the European Commission, Jörgen Lindholm, ETUCE Vice-President, and David Simmonds, Chair of the EFEE. The speakers underlined the strategic importance of this 39th European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee for the EU Social Dialogue system, as education is one of the largest public sectors in Europe. The Education sector employs 14,7 million workers to educate 93 million pupils and students in 27 EU member states. The total public expenditure in European education is 583 billion Euros per year, an equivalent to 5,7% of the total European GDP. The leading role of the ETUCE and the positive reaction from the employers, leading to the creation of the EFEE in 2009, as well as the supportive role of the European Commission were also highlighted in the inauguration speeches.

2. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee

David Simmonds (LGE, UK) was appointed as Chair of the Social Dialogue Committee. Ronnie Smith (EIS, UK) was appointed Vice-Chair. Accordingly to the Rules of Procedures (ROP), the Chair and Vice-Chair mandates will run for one year, after which the ETUCE will take turn for the Chair seat and the EFEE for the Vice-Chair seat.

3. Appointment of Steering Committee

Kounka Damianova (SEB, BG) and Ulrich Thöne (GEW, DE) were appointed by the labour side as members of the Steering Committee along with the Chair and Vice-Chair. From the employers side, David Simmonds (Chair, NEOST, UK) and Maria Pontieri (Vice-chair, ARAN, IT) and Bianka Stege (General Secretary) were appointed, with Michael Moriarty (IVEA, IE) and Gerhard Klassen (TdL, DE) as substitutes to cover any absences.

4. Appointment of Working Groups

The proposal from the ETUCE secretariat to postpone the set-up of the Working Group n°3 (Education and Training 2020) was accepted. The working groups are now listed and entitled as follows:

1. Quality in Education
2. Demographic Challenges
3. Higher Education and Research

The two first WGs are assigned to work for one year as from the first of September 2010 and come back to the Plenary Committee with a proposal of action. The third WG is assigned to produce a report after one year of work on the coverage of Higher Education and Research by the European Sectoral Social Dialogue in Education.

The list of delegates for each working group is annexed to the present document.

5. Draft joint declaration on Investment in Education

The draft joint declaration on Investments in Education was discussed by the Committee, which decided to postpone its adoption to a later meeting to be determined. The EFEE undertook to send to the ETUCE secretariat a new draft joint declaration on Investment in Education before the next meeting.

6. Calendar

The ETUCE and EFEE secretariats will come up with a calendar proposal for the Committee's activities in 2010/2011 in the course of the summer.

Annexes

- Point 4 – List of Working Groups members

ETUCE Participants in the ESSDE Meeting - 11th of June 2010		
<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>First name</u>
CY	Savva	Stefanos
CZ	La Sala	Zdenka
DE	Schaad	Ilse
DK	Buch Jensen	Kurt
EE	Parkel	Vaike
ES	Redero	Antonio
FI	Rusk	Anders
FR	Vialle	Corinne
IT	Dal Pino	Maria Lucia
LU	Ries	Claude
LV	Trapenciere	Ilze
NO	Montfort Roedelé	Sonia
PL	Obidniak	Dorota
PT	Dias Da Silva	Joao
SE	Aström	Mathias
SI	Modrijan	Sandi
SK	Luzak	Jozef
	Mlcousek	Michal
ETUCE Vice-President	Lindholm	Jörgen
ETUCE General Secretary	Rømer	Martin
ETUCE Secretariat	Poissonneau	David
ETUCE Secretariat	Lundholm Olsen	Nadja
ETUCE Secretariat	Flocken	Susan
EPSU Participants in the ESSDE Meeting - 11th of June 2010		
EU	Todtenberg	Iris
EU	Fischbach-Pyttel	Carola
CESI Participants in the ESSDE Meeting - 11th of June 2010		
EU	Heiser	Claude
EU	Le Bodic	Anne-Claire

EFEE Participants in the ESSDE Meeting - 11th of June 2010

<u>Country</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>First name</u>
BE	Kettmann	Stephanie
BG	Damyanova	Milena
CY	Savvides	Ioannis
DK	Vendelboe Hagensen	Camilla
ES	Iglesias-Jiménez	Soledad
	Boscá-Vidal	Joana
FI	Yli-Suomu	Riikka-Maria
	Pärssinen	Nina
DE	Klassen	Gerhard
HU	Pataki	Mihaly
	Sipos	Laszlo
IE	Moriarty	Michael
LV	Ratniece	Dace
NL	Slagter	Sjoerd
	Muller	Marlien
NO	Smit	Malin
PT	Chamiça	Célia
SK	Haas	Ladislav
SE	Lindberg	Leif
	Stävberg	Henrik
UK	Inett	Andy
UK (EFEE Chair)	Simmonds	David
EFEE General Secretary	Stege	Bianka
EFEE Consultant	Nolda	Charles
EFEE Ass. General Secretary	Cooper	Stephen
EFEE Ass. General Secretary	Haasová	Ingrid