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Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee Contract Catering

**Minutes of the Working Group meeting
Brussels, 2 february 2012**

Present:

FERCO:	FERCO	Rocco RINALDI Shane HAMILL Storey ALASTAIR
EFFAT: France	EFFAT FGTA-FO	Kerstin HOWALD Rafael NEDZYNSKI

European Commission:
Morgane Lesage, DG EMPL/B1

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Implementation of work programme 2012

-Food hygiene training:

The participants agreed that it will important to continue to monitor the use of the tool and to report on the project and more precisely on the dissemination and the use of it during the next plenary meeting in October.

-Socially responsible procurement:

Besides the suggested programme for action in this field, Mrs Kerstin Howald (EFFAT) and Mr Rocco Rinaldi (FERCO) agreed that it will be important to monitor the package Modernised public procurement which was adopted by the Commission on 20th december 2011 (see below).

-EFFAT and FERCO "guide to the economically most advantageous offer in the contract catering"

The participants agreed that it will be important to continue to promote this guide towards local authorities and it was suggested to ask the member organisation to continue the information campaigns.

- Corporate social responsibility (CSR)

The participants suggested to draft a new contribution on the subject to address concrete points and difficulties in the sector. This paper will also report on the progresses which still

need to be done. It could be discussed at the next Committee meeting and adopted by the plenary.

- Vocational training

Mr Rocco Rinaldi (FERCO) suggested to monitor the best practises which have been developed following the EFFAT and FERCO agreement on vocational training and to present best examples at the plenary.

- Fight against obesity

FERCO will report during the next plenary on the actions suggested at the platform for nutrition and health.

- Economic and financial crisis

It has been agreed to continue to discuss this topic at the next plenary, mentioning the clients tendency to negotiate the fixed prices in this context.

- Participants mentioned other topics which could be also addressed such as recruitment by temporary agencies and capacity building since Employers are not well represented in some countries such as the Member states of the Central and Eastern Europe.

3. Possible joint initiatives on public procurement

FERCO is actually lobbying the European institutions and present its position on the new proposal of the Commission in this field together with cleaning, security and textile sector. The possibility to send a common letter to the European Parliament and the Presidency to address the concern of the sector was discussed.

4. Discussion on the introduction of a request for subsidy for the further development of the online training tool on food hygiene and for its further dissemination and promotion

The participants to the meeting discussed the possible translation of the on-line tool in different languages. So far the following languages were foreseen to be : French, Italian, Hungarian and Portuguese. On 14 th November, it has been decided to translate it in PL, CZ and RO.

Mrs Kerstin Howald (EFFAT) indicated that the first half of April, a reminder will be sent in order to have a usage feed-back from the different partners of the project. The final report will be submitted in three months. Future steps should be discussed at the next plenary meeting in October.

5. Preparation of the plenary meeting of the social dialogue committee of 5 of October

It was agreed that all the points of the work programme will be tackled at the plenary meeting. The participants decided to discuss more in depth the agenda of the Plenary on the next working group meeting which will take place on 20th of June.