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## SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR WOOD

**24 May 2012**  
**Plenary meeting**

### **1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The agenda of the meeting is adopted.

### **2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the plenary meeting of 21 November 2011**

The Minutes are adopted.

### **3. New Community Strategy on OSH 2013/2020 – Presentation and discussion on a joint document**

The presentation of the document is made by the Workers' side with a view to suggest that the Committee could adopt a common position on the draft new EU Health and Safety Strategy. The Employers wish to express some reservations that will be communicated as soon as possible in order to envisage a common opinion (to be issued around summer break).

### **4. Joint statement on machinery and wood dust - State of the art and discussion**

Presentation of the second declaration issued in Firenze on the theme by the Committee. The EU social partners have agreed on the need to draw the stakeholders' attention on the standardization process in the EU, and on circulating this document to new stakeholders comprising the machinery constructors.

### **5. Wood dust brochure –**

Presentation of the new follow-up project submitted to the Commission on the Budget Headline 01 in order to continue the dissemination of the joint brochure adopted on "wood dust" protection with new translations. The approval from the Commission is expected.

### **6. Presentation of the new project**

A new project is proposed by the Employer 'side, which aims at exploring the state of the art of the substance of "Formaldehyde". The worker 'side suggests that other substances should be also studied on this occasion, such as glues, and asked for more written information prior to approve a common project on this item.

### **7. ERASMUS FOR ALL – Presentation of the Communication from the Commission (COM(2011) 787 final)**

Presentation by Rolf Gehring on the new EU initiative led by DG EAC

## **8. Sector Skills Council – State of the art on a sectoral survey and discussion**

So far, no project was launched for envisaging the feasibility of creating this type of Council, as suggested by the Commission. The EU social partners have decided to send a questionnaire to their national affiliate members in order to know if there is or not a clear interest in creating such a new Committee for the sector.

## **9. Demographic change in the sector – Decision on a joint project**

Presentation of a possible new (common) project on the social impact of demographic changes in the sector.

## **10. Legally binding agreement on forests – Presentation and discussion on a joint position**

Presentation by the Employer 'side for discussion and possible common position on this EU regulation. The Worker 'side deems necessary to include the dimension of decent work and relevant ILO conventions.

## **11. Opinion of the EESC on the Competitiveness of the Woodworking Industry – Discussion on possible future joint activities of the social partners**

The EU social partners have underlined the lack of Commission reaction concerning this opinion and suggest to making pressure on the Member States with a view to influence the Commission in taking it into account.

## **12. Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on accounting rules and action plans on greenhouse gas emissions and removals resulting from activities related to land use, land use change and forestry (COM(2012)93 final) – Presentation and discussion on a possible joint position**

The EU social partners have agreed on disseminating the presentation made on this proposal to their members with a view to envisage a common position on the EU initiative.

## **13. AOB**

- The workers have presented the initiative of the Commission on revitalizing the Corporate Social Responsibility through the implementation stakeholders' platforms. They suggest not institutionalizing this type of platform under the conditions that the employers accept to address the item within the social dialogue committee. The Employer's side will consult its members prior to answer to this proposal.
- The employer' side announces that an exhibition on wood based art is scheduled in the EU parliament around 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012

Closure of the meeting