



SECTORIAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE  
TEXTILE-CLOTHING



WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016-2017

During the 2016-2017 period, the Textile and Clothing social partners propose to work, in the context of the EU Sector Social Dialogue Committee, on the subjects:

- A. The Textile and Clothing EU Social partners will continue to monitor initiatives, actions, communications and potential EU legislation having a direct/indirect impact on the Economic, Social and Skills developments of this industry. Subjects that will be scrutinized can cover:
  - a. The future European Pillar of Social Rights
  - b. International trade negotiations (FTA, WTO, GSP plus) and trade measures having an or that might impact the industry
  - c. The competitive framework of the industry as described in EC communication regarding for instance (nonexclusive list) the Energy Union, the Digital Single Market, the new Single Market Strategy, etc.
- B. The Textile and Clothing EU Social partners will dedicate a growing attention to CSR and sustainability initiatives following the below tracks:
  - a. Follow the developments of the and EU policy and strategy initiatives on CSR and especially the “Flagship Initiative on responsible management of the supply chain in the garment sector” and its relationship with other international initiatives like the OECD initiative on “Due Diligence in the Garment and Footwear Sector”.
  - b. Conclude the EU funded joint EURATEX–IndustriAll project to fine-tune and implement the developed EU T&C CSR Risk Management tool and its dissemination in the industry.
  - c. Consider and exchange views on possible reports published by other stakeholders on CSR and sustainability.
- C. Social partners will dedicate attention on Capacity building in the Social Dialogue following the conclusion of the EU funded joint EURATEX–IndustriAll project (approved in November 2015) to enhance the capacity of national social partners in selected Member States and their increased participation to the EU Textile and Clothing Social Dialogue and its content. The results of such project should be available in 2017.
- D. The Textile and Clothing EU Social partners will
  - a. discuss on the continuous adjustment of vocational training and education to improve the strategy for employment in the light of the results of the EU TCLF Skills Council work.
  - b. Value the possibility of participating in or launching specific joint EU projects in the area of Education and Vocational Training.

Moreover, the Textile and Clothing social partners will participate in possible Textile, Clothing, Tanning, Leather and Footwear joint working group and assess the interest to possibly repeat such kind of meeting.

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