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**SECTORAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE  
ROAD TRANSPORT**

## **Minutes of the working group meeting of 18 March 2019**

### **1. Adoption of the meeting's draft agenda and the draft minutes of the plenary meeting 7 December 2018**

Mr Steven SALMON (IRU employers' delegation) chaired the meeting.

The draft agenda and minutes of the plenary meeting of 7 December 2018 were adopted.

### **2. Mobility Package 1 and 2: state of play on key dossiers at the end of the current legislature, presentation by a representative of DG MOVE and exchange of views with Social Partners**

Ewa PTASZYNSKA (DG MOVE C1) up-dated the participants on the state of play of the negotiations regarding the social road mobility package I and II.

On 3 December 2018, the Council adopted a general approach on the social and internal market aspects of Mobility Package I. Nine delegations voted against (BE, BG, IE, LV, LT, HR, HU, MT, PL) and one abstained (RO). The following elements were agreed:

- Posting of drivers: the posting model is based on the differentiation of different types of transport operations, with the application of posting rules to cross-trade operations and an exemption for bilateral and transit operations) and a very limited exemption for cross-trade operations.
- Regular weekly rest in the cabin: the regular weekly rest must be spent outside the cabin and an operator must cover the costs of accommodation for the driver.
- Return home of the driver: the haulier has an obligation to organise the drivers' work in such a way that they are able to return home at least every four weeks, if they so wish - or, if the driver chooses to take two consecutive reduced weekly rests, after three weeks on the road.

On 10 January 2019 the TRAN committee did not reach a majority on 2 out of 3 reports on Mobility Package I : the report on posting of workers in road transport (Rapporteur: Kyllonen) and the report on driving and rest times (Rapporteur Van de Camp). The report on cabotage (Rapporteur: Ertug) was approved.

On 14 February, the Conference of Presidents (COP) decided to postpone to 7 March 2019 the decision to put Mobility Package files (Ertug, Van de Camp and Kyllonen reports) on the plenary agenda.

The social partners exchanged their views and asked about what will happen if no decision is taken. They suggested some possible ways to deal with it. IRU also asked for a prolongation of the deadline for the implementation of the smart tachograph 1, it was responded that the date will still be on 15 June 2019.

### **3. European Labour Authority**

Federico Pancaldi, DG EMPL, presented the state of play regarding the European Labour Authority that would ensure that EU rules on labour mobility are enforced in a fairer, simpler and more effective way.

The EMPL Committee of the European Parliament adopted its report on 20 November 2018. On 11 December 2018 the plenary confirmed the decision to enter into interinstitutional negotiations. A provisional agreement between the Parliament and Council was reached on 14 February. The Commission, the Parliament and the Council reached a provisional agreement on the proposal in February 2019. The vote in the Plenary took place on 16 April 2019.

The management board will have its first meeting in October 2019 and should reach its full operational capacity by 2023.

### **4. Information on the state of implementation of Directive (EU) 2018/645 of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 2003/59/EC (CPC Directive Training) and on a potential revision of Directive 2006/126/EC (Driving Licences)**

Casto LOPEZ BENITEZ (DG MOVE C2) reminded that the new Directive 2018/645/EU has been adopted in May 2018. The Member States must transpose it into national law before 23 May 2020. A meeting of the committee on drivers training took place in February 2019. An expert group will work on the exchange for information.

Regarding the potential revision of Directive 2006/126/EC (Driving Licences) the Commission is working on a report and has launched a study on the effect of automation on drivers' behaviours and performance to be adopted by the next Commission.

There were exchanges regarding the category of license for the 2.4 – 3.5-tonne vehicles and possible cross cutting impact with the Directive discussed under the mobility package I (resulting from modifications introduced during the negotiations).

The social partners signalled that they plan to carry out joint work on driver training issues.

### **5. Regulation on electronic freight transport information**

Lia POTEK (DG MOVE D1) introduced the Commission proposal adopted on May 17 2018, as part of the third mobility package “Europe on the move” for an EU Regulation

on electronic freight transport information (eFTI). This proposal addresses the lack of a uniform legal framework at EU level requiring authorities to accept freight transport information in electronic form as well as a fragmented IT environment. These are obstacles to the simplification and better efficiency of communication between transport operators. The proposal specifies the electronic format in which regulatory transport information (eFTI) should be made available. Furthermore, the proposal asks the Commission to establish common data sets and procedures to process the information, which will ensure availability, integrity, confidentiality, security and better enforcement.

The Parliament adopted its final position at first reading during its plenary session on 12 March 2019 (612 votes in favour, 28 against and 23 abstentions). The general approach is expected by end of June 2019. Trilogue could start in September when the new European Parliament would be in place.

Social partners pointed to their joint statement for better regulation and digital enforcement (see point 8).

## **6. Best practices by social partners**

### *a. ETF Model policies to address violence at the work place*

ETF presented its Campaign “Stronger together. Ending violence against women in transport” covering all transport modes launched last November (see slides). Further exchanges will take place on good practices, as it is a flagship topic to address for the sector.

### *b. Women in transport network*

IRU presented the Women in transport network established to complement the Women in Transport - EU Platform for change. The network will organise event and increase women visibility. Should cover all transport modes and type of stakeholders.

### *c. UPS' model protocol on the company anti-harassment policy*

Ms Arancha Fernández Igoa presented the anti-harassment policy by UPS (see slides) and some issues were discussed on how to implement the policy.

## **7. Driver shortage: report on progress made on potential joint actions**

The implementation of the IRU action plan were reported in particular the first actions launched, such as the bi-annual survey to collect statistic on driver shortage. An expert group was created to discuss training related issues and welcoming drivers at loading/unloading sites; a study on quality of jobs is also considered. IRU and ETF are working together on this issue also putting in common their specific initiatives.

## **8. Joint ETF-IRU Statement on Enforcement (December 2018): exchange of view on progress made and potential joint implementation actions**

This joint statement<sup>1</sup> highlighting three key priorities for the social partners was established as a communication tool to pass the social partners' priorities to the new European Parliament and Commission.

## **9. Adoption of the SSD Work Programme 2019 – 2020: ETF-IRU**

The social partners commented their joint work programme published on CIRCA<sup>2</sup>.

## **10. AOB**

- Next meeting 2 July 2019

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<sup>1</sup><https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=521&langId=en&agreementId=5565>

<sup>2</sup><https://circabc.europa.eu/sd/a/6e1dd955-4af8-4442-ac20-30d04f008e7d/Road-2019-2020-WP.pdf>

**List of participants 18/03/2019**

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