



## **Work programme of the social partners of the leather/tanning sector for 2014-2015**

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### **1. Introduction**

Seeking to play their role fully and to improve the quality of their sectoral dialogue, COTANCE and industriAll-European Trade Union, social partners at European level in the leather and tanning sector, adopt the following work programme for 2014 and 2015.

This work programme, supported by the social partners at national level, also aims to improve the interrelation of the autonomous sectoral social dialogue at European level with, on the one hand, the dialogues at national level, and on the other hand, the cross-sectoral dialogue at European level.

The programme also comes within the scope of the follow-up to the Commission's Communication dated 26 June 2002 entitled "*The European social dialogue, a force for innovation and change*", and one dated 12 August 2004 entitled "*Partnership for change in an enlarged Europe – Enhancing the contribution of European social dialogue*".

It links also to the Europe 2020 Strategy that notably includes as one flagship "*An industrial policy for the globalisation era*" and that foresees the setting up of a framework for a modern industrial policy. Finally, it relates to the implementation of some aspects of the Commission Communications, Staff working documents or reports:

- of 22 July 2010, on "*The functioning and potential of European sectoral social dialogue*".
- of 26 September 2012, on cultural and creative sectors for growth and jobs in the EU
- of 19 October 2012, on "*Competitiveness of European High-End industries*".
- of 19 October 2012, on "*Where Manufacturing meets Creativity – Policy Options for the Competitiveness of European Fashion Industries*".
- of 5 October 2012, Report on the Round Table discussion on "*Materials Research and Innovation in the Creative Industries*".
- of April 2013, Communication "*Building a Single Market for Green Products*"
- of December 2013, the "Action Plan for Fashion and High-end industries"

The programme is structured around a number of sections: trade, industrial and social policy.

Sections	Themes	Objectives	Actions
Trade	WTO / DDA / FTAs / DSP / etc	WTO negotiations on market access for non-agricultural products (NAMA)  Export restrictions of raw materials  Marking & Labelling + Testing & Certification Non-tariff barriers  Indication of origin – Qualified Origin Marking  Market Access Working Group on Leather  Monitoring FTA developments with 3 <sup>rd</sup> countries	Social partners/ DG Trade  Social partners /DG Trade  Social partners /DG Trade/DG GROW  Social partners/ DG Trade/ national authorities
Industrial incl. Environmental	Action plan  Raw materials– industrial policy	Following up the update of the programme aimed at “Promoting competitiveness and employment in the European leather and tanning sector” & the 2012 Staff Working documents on the Fashion Industries  Contribution to and follow-up the Communication on Security of Supply with non-energy Raw Materials / Access issues.  LCA & Carbon/Water Footprint/Methodology – Development of the EU Pilot on Leather  Regulation on leather terms and labelling + Fashion industries  Raw Material initiative & New EU industrial policy	Social partners / DG GROW  Social partners/ DG GROW  DG GROW + DG ENV / SP  DG GROW Unit of M. Aguinaga/ Social Partners and stakeholdes
Social	Education&Training / Sector Labour Market	Skills Alliances, Skills Panorama and “EQF”  ESCO  The SD project “Leather is my Job!” and follow-up project European TCL Sector Skills Council, further developments Specific Education & Training projects	DG Employment + DG EAC/ Social partners  Social Partners + Euratex + CEC  Project/ social partners  DG Employment, Social Partners
	Social dialogue	Image of the Leather Industry – New SD Project promoting « Leather is my Job ! »  Transparency Project – Follow-up	Project/ SP/ DG Employment
	Framework agreement / code of conduct  Framework agreement/ social reporting	Review  Implementation pilot- project II	SP/DG Employment  Social partners/ DG employment
	Health and Safety at work	Follow-up (“online risk assesment”) OIRA	Implementation at National level, new Pilot Project(s)

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