Improvement of health and safety – a challenge for social partners

Plenary

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DG EMPL co-finances social partner projects to deliver stronger, lasting growth and to create more and better jobs:

- 116 new projects in 2007

- 30 new projects in 2008 (until now)

Goal: Competitiveness & Prosperity

- Social partners are the key players

- Consultations on social issues

- Partnerships approach to develop policies

- Interventions at all levels make success

- Situated very close to practice

- Competence

- Wide range of tools

- Commitment & responsibility

$\rightarrow$ Great capacity for action

1st stage of social dialogue:

- Exchange of information

- Questionnaires to gather information

- Identify and examine problems

- Reflect and discuss

2nd stage of social dialogue:

- Develop appropriate solutions
- Declarations to influence practice
- Guidelines and best practice cases
- Recommendations or opinions
- Autonomous initiatives
- Binding agreements

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- Analyse situation, identify problems or assess a Directive

- Develop autonomous ideas

- Decide on the tool

- Present & communicate

- Commission's obligation to implement

- Limit of the social mandate

- Working with the EU institutions

- Opportunity: Impact assessment

- Consensus building & Decision taking

- Complex legislative framework & Conformity with acquis communautaire

- Learning and deepening of knowledge

- Inter-sectoral synergies

- Greater attention

- Stronger partnerships

- Strengthens the social dialogue

Conclusions

- Partnership approach

- SP have capacity and responsibility

- Develop autonomous ideas

- Commission is ready to promote the implementation of your ideas

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