



Minutes of the working group meeting of 2 July 2019

1. Adoption of the meeting's draft agenda and the draft minutes of last meeting

Mr Alfred ROUAUX (CFDT) representing the workers' organisation chaired the meeting.

The minutes of the working group meeting of 18 March 2019 were adopted. The draft agenda was 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

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

She highlighted notably the positions of the European Parliament and Council on the Commission's proposal.

Social partners thanked for the very interesting presentation.

3. Joint ETF-IRU Statement on Safe and Secure Truck Parking Areas (SSTPAs) in Europe (April)

Oleg KAMBERSKI (IRU) introduced the joint ETF-IRU Statement by the European social partners requesting dedicated EU support and priority funding for the creation of a genuine network of safe and secure truck parking areas (SSTPAs) in Europe¹. This statement by the social partners will be communicated to the national and EU policy makers to raise awareness on the need to provide funding for safe and secure truck parking areas in the EU. The new EP Transport Committee and new Commissioner for Transport will be approached to put this issue as a priority for the next Commission's mandate.

4. Joint ETF-IRU Statement on Enforcement in the Digital Age - Exchange of views with the representative organisations of enforcers in Europe, ECR and CORTE, and consideration of potential joint actions

Mr Schipper from ECR (Euro Contrôle Route) provided a presentation on the enforcement activities performed in the EU and highlighted the challenges about future enforcement in a context of diminished resources for control activities. He welcomed the

¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=521&langId=en&agreementId=5599>

joint statement by the social partners on enforcement issues and called for more exchanges of information between the key stakeholders.

In the following discussions, both sides of the industry insisted on the urgency to improve enforcement. ETF called for an European Road Transport Agency and the need to raise awareness of the EU Institutions on those issues. IRU supported ETF and also called for enhanced joint work between social partners on enforcement.

5. European Labour Authority

Federico Pancaldi, (DG EMPL D1), reminded that the Commission presented its proposal for establishing a Labour Authority in March 2018, in February 2019 the European Parliament and the Council reached a provisional agreement, the Regulation establishing the European Labour Authority was adopted on 13 June 2019, it will enter into force after publication in the OJ².

This new Authority aims to ensure that Union rules on labour mobility are enforced in a fair, simple and effective way. It will:

- contribute to ensuring that EU rules on labour mobility and social security coordination are enforced in a fair, simple and effective way
- make it easier for citizens and businesses to reap the benefits of the internal market
- assist national authorities in cooperating for the effective enforcement of the rules.

The Authority seat is in Bratislava (Slovakia). It is expected to be established on 31 July and the activities will start mid-October with the first meeting of the ELA Management Board. The ELA is expected to reach its full operational capacity by 2024.

Social partners asked for enhanced cooperation with the Authority, and proposed (IRU) to organise (in partnership with road transport enforcement authorities) a dedicated training and raising awareness event for future ELA staff members, to help them understand the specificity of road transport functioning and enforcement.

6. Information on the European Commission initiative on more efficient decision making in EU social policy (Communication on “passerelle clauses” in social policy)

Annelisa COTONE (DG EMPL 01) provided a presentation of the Commission’s Communication regarding “More efficient decision-making in social policy” adopted in April 2019.

It aims to launch a debate about the possibility to facilitate decision making at EU level regarding some employment and social policies allowing for a shift from unanimity to qualified majority voting under certain circumstances (see slides).

7. Best practices by social partners: Presentation of the results of ver.di’s research on social conditions in logistics in Europe and exchange of views among Social Partners

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https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=uriserv:OJ.L_.2019.186.01.0021.01.ENG&toc=OJ.L:2019:186:TOC

Eckhard VOSS (wmp consult) presented the results of a study carried out for the ETF in the framework of an EU funded project to support workers organisations. The report will be circulated to the members of the SSDC to share and discuss the conclusions³.

8. Driver shortage: Potential joint actions to address driver shortage

Esther Visser presented the IRU priorities to address driver shortage. She underlined that driver shortage is seen as one of the most pressing challenge in the road transport industry today. Through its Driver Shortage Task Force, IRU has defined and is now implementing a multiannual strategy (a Road Map) to tackle the issue, including with short, medium and long term actions.

IRU is currently implementing the short-term actions, which include:

- A driver shortage survey to collect statistics and monitor the trend over time. The questionnaire is conducted amongst IRU members' members (companies) and takes place twice a year in the EU as well as the CIS region.
- An Expert Group on driver training, which is looking at the current legislation, the alignment of training to the real needs of the industry and the barriers to training and entering the profession
- To come up with a list of recommendations to be shared with ETF to set up an ad-hoc group to discuss the content of a potential joint statement on driver shortage.

IRU organises a driver shortage event and a master class (the latter with UPS) on attracting, training and retaining drivers, to take place on 5 September 2019 in Brussels.

ETF and IRU agreed to set up an ad-hoc group to discuss the content of a potential joint statement on driver shortage.

9. AOB

- Next meeting 9 December 2019. A new chairperson on the employer side will be designated.

³ http://www.wilke-maack.de/wp-content/uploads/2019/07/evg_bericht_SCL_EN_web_190704.pdf

List of participants 02/07/2019

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