



SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE IN THE EU SUGAR INDUSTRY Draft Work Programme 2013

Topic & Background	Objectives	Action	Output	Timeframe
1. Future of EU the Sugar Regime and	Promotion and defence of the EFFAT-	Social Partners will	Depending on the	28 February 2013
its social impact	CEFS Joint position on the future of CAP	continue monitoring	development of the	- 28 February
	2020 and the Sugar CMO.	the development of	CAP reform and CMO	2014
		the EU Sugar Regime	proposals, social	
		with a special focus	partners may	
		on its economic and	organise public	
		social impact for the	events, jointly	
		sector.	participate in events	
			and consultations,	
			issue joint statements	
			and/or press releases	
			and consult their	
			respective affiliates	
			on relevant matters.	
2. EU Industrial and Trade Policy	Promotion and defence of the EFFAT-	Given the importance	Depending on the	28 February 2013
developments	CEFS Joint position on Trade and views	of the EU Industrial	development of	- 28 February
	on Industrial Policy in relevant forums	and Trade Policy	Industrial and Trade	2014
	and consultations. This includes liaising	strategy for the EU	Policy, social	
	with mutual constituencies.	Sugar Sector, Social	partners may	
		Partners will	organise public	
		continue monitoring	events, participate	

Topics for joint actions and activities

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		the development of EU Industrial and Trade Policy with a special focus on its economic and social impact.	jointly in related events and consultations, issue joint statements and/or joint press releases and consult their respective affiliates on relevant matters.	
3. Corporate Social Responsibility	 Distribution of questionnaire among affiliates on the 8 CSR Code's Minimum Standards. Two CEFS-EFFAT Secretariat discussions Final compilation of the draft report Circulation for comments in January Distribution of final report in February Publication of report on Eurosugar.org after approval in the SD Plenary at the end of February 	Social Partners will compile the 11 th Implementation Report of the CSR Code of Conduct of the European Sugar Industry by following its agreed procedure described in the 10 th Implementation Report.	11 th Implementation Report of the CSR Code of Conduct of the European Sugar Industry	28 February 2013 - 28 February 2014
4. Demographic analysis of the EU	1. Development of questionnaire.	Social Partners will	1. Demographic	28 February 2013
Sugar Industry ¹	2. Distribution to both EFFAT and CEFS	carry out an initial	overview of the EU	- 28 February
One of the key topics that emerged during	-	demographic analysis	Sugar Industry	2014
the discussions in the SD Plenary 2012 are	3. Analysis and compilation of report in	of the EU Sugar	2. Identification of	
the concerns regarding succession	Working Group	sector focusing in	good practices	
planning and the increasing age of the	4. Identification of good practices	particular on age,	3. Conclusions and	

¹ A similar analysis is currently being carried out within the SD Food and Drink under a 01 Commission-funded project, of which both CEFS and EFFAT are part. The methodology of this analysis can therefore represent a model for carrying out this demographic study in the EU Sugar Industry.

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sugar industry's workforce. As in most		gender, as well as	Recommendations
manufacturing sectors and in the EU in	further action.	measures in place to	for further social
general, this trend – along with the		manage an ageing	partner action.
increase in life expectancy and retirement		workforce, monitor	
age in most EU 27 countries - is calling on		diversity and	
social partners in various sectors to reflect		increase the	
upon new ways to ensure effective		attractiveness of the	
succession planning (involving a smooth		industry as an	
transition and the transmission of know-		employer for new	
how to the new generation of workers) as		recruits.	
well as stress-related management issues,			
particularly for elder workers. Over the			
past 10 years, the Sugar sector has also			
been particularly hit by a massive wave of			
restructures, which entail specific socio-			
psychological risks. Social partners would			
therefore like to continue exploring this			
issue to draw lessons from the experience			
and to encourage their members to			
mainstream the issue of psychosocial risks			
at the workplace. Youth employment also			
enters the picture as it has now clearly			
become a major social and economic			
problem in the EU. Despite the difficult			
restructures it has faced over the years,			
the EU Sugar industry has a role to play in			
providing young people with access to the			
labour market, particularly in rural areas.			

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EFFAT EU Social Dialogue Sugar Sector calendar 2013

Event	Date & Venue
Working Group Sugar Sector CSR Report	Brussels, 24 October 2013
and Demographic Analysis	
Plenary SD Committee Meeting	Brussels, 28 February 2014

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