

Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee “Extractive Industry”



APEP



Work Programme 2010

Health and Safety

Accident Project

- *Technologia report final version* incl. translation (EN, FR, DE) will be presented till the end of January 2010. Discussion about the projects ongoing on the basis of these results in the Working Group meeting on March 1st. Decision and contents concerning the projects future in the Plenary meeting in summer 2010.

Contact to SWP EI (Standing Working Party Extractive Industry)

- looking for information to the *SWP EI work programme 2010-2011* (contact Mr Hermülheim)
- discussion aspired about *potential teamworking* between the 2 committees

OEL (occupational exposure limits) setting procedure for NO₂ und NO

- SSDEI visit to DG EMPL is still vacant because of time delay in the *SCOEL* (Scientific Committee on Occupational Exposure Limits) *final recommendation until March 2010*
- *further observation and actions* depending on the progress

NEPSI (European Network on Silica)

- *reporting period* 2010, data collection from 15 Jan to 15 Feb 2010
- IMA will make a short presentation of the progress in the SSDEI meeting on March 1st, results will be available only later
- *Final report* to the NEPSI Council in June 2010

Capacity building

DG EMPL sectoral analysis of emerging competences and economic activities

- Call for tender for studies about the capacities and skill shortages in the various sectors across the EU were launched. The only sector for which the Commission did not receive a bid was the extractive sector. The reason is no known: no consultants available? no interest?
 - The SSDEI should discuss whether there is a deficit or a missed opportunity?
- The Commission has proposed to set up *Skill Councils* (education and qualification).
 - The SSDEI should respond to the proposal and express its opinion on the concept since eventually the discussion of skills and capacities could also be a topic to be dealt with by the Social Dialogue and there should be no duplication.
 - The SSDEI should analyse whether a Skill Council or the SSDEI should deal with the issue and it what form. (contact planned to DG EMPL Mr. Hubert Manuel, invitation for the meeting on 1st March)

Joint Declaration 2004 on implementing general standards of health and safety in the extractive industry: a report on the implementation of this declaration at national levels is due in 2010. Report 2nd half 2010.

The Extractive Industry in Europe and its future

EU Raw Materials Initiative: the regional and social dimension

- The regional and social dimension of the extractive industry is currently neglected in the discussions around the Raw Materials Initiative and EUROMINES proposed that the SSDEI will provide an official input. To this end EUROMINES will prepare a draft paper till summer 2010, which will be discussed in the SSDEI Plenary.
- The Commission's non-paper on the importance of using indigenous coal was presented and it was highlighted that if the oil and gas industry would join this paper it could become a strategy for fossil fuels. The SSDEI would support this paper and an eventual follow-up.

State aid to coal industry

- The revision of the EU's regulation on state aid should be monitored and when needed the SSDEI could provide addition position papers.

Positions to be taken depending on progress of EU directives and other initiatives

- Revision of the *ETS (Emission Trading System) Directive* and EU-ETS post 2012
 - treatment of the energy intensive European extractive industry
(benchmarking system – allocation of certificates; indirect carbon leakage – compensation for increase in electricity prices ...)
- New directives on *CCS (carbon capture and storage) and Renewable Energies*
- Strategic position paper to *Energy Taxation*
- Adoption of the *IED (Industrial Emission Directive)*
- Revision of the *European Waste List*
- New guidances on management of *Mining Waste*
- New guidances in realization the aims of the *Water Framework Directive* and its daughter directives (*GWD, EQS*)
- New proposal for a *Soil Framework Directive* (expected soon in the Spanish Presidency, 1st half of 2010)
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