

# **Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee Contract Catering**

## **Minutes of the Steering Committee meeting Brussels, 11 December 2007**

### **Present**

For FERCO: Yann Coléou, Marie-Christine Lefebvre

For EFFAT: Harald Wiedenhofer, Kerstin Howald, Rafaël Nedzynski

### **Objective of the meeting**

The purpose of the meeting is to agree on the implementation of the 2008 work programme.

### **Conference Selecting Best Value**

The conference is organised by DG EMPL together with the cleaning, security services, textile and contract catering sectors which have produced guides to the economically most advantageous offer.

The conference will take place in Brussels on 18 April 2008. The foreseen number of participants is 250 from which 200 reimbursed by the EU Commission. Each sector is entitled to 30 participants (15 for the employers and 15 for the trade unions) plus 30 invitees (to be identified for 15/01/2008 among key awarding organisations at the national and the EU level). It is important to present concrete examples of client organisations which have been using the guides.

The following supporting documents will be prepared jointly:

- a joint agreement on selecting best value signed by the 7 organisations (to be drafted by the trade unions)
- common leaflet for the presentation of the guides (to be drafted by the employers)

Proposal from EFFAT:

A joint letter should be sent to the Commission (Barroso, Kallas, officials in charge of public procurement at OIB), the EP and the Council urging them to use the criterion of the economically most advantageous offer when awarding services contracts.

### **Social Procurement initiative**

DG EMPL and DG MARKT have launched a joint initiative on “social procurement” similar to the “green procurement”. EFFAT and FERCO agree that the guides published by the services sectors should be taken into account and decide to approach jointly DG MARKT with the cleaning and the security services.

### **Promotion of the Guide to the economically most advantageous offer at the national level**

FERCO and EFFAT will check the interest of their members in organising additional promotion activities at the national level and introduce a request for an EU subsidy accordingly (March or September 2008).

### **Follow up of the training agreement**

Previous experience shows that a questionnaire is not an efficient approach for collecting information at the national level. Individual members will be asked to present national practice at the annual plenary meeting in Brussels. Countries are identified as follows:

- in 2008: Nordic countries (Denmark, Sweden, Finland)
- in 2009: Hungary and Austria

### **Follow up of the agreement on the fight against obesity**

The issue of fighting against obesity should be closely linked with the issue of selecting best value and the promotion of the guide to the economically most advantageous offer.

The main task will be tracking examples of good practice. Indeed, FERCO is in the process of collecting information from the national level in order to report to the Commission (DG SANCO). EFFAT proposed the Austrian project “Gesund - leicht & fair essen im Betrieb” as a good example.

EFFAT and FERCO decide to approach jointly the EU Consumers organisation BEUC on both issues: selecting best value and the fight against obesity.

### **Training manual on food hygiene**

EFFAT and FERCO will work jointly on the elaboration of the training guide in 2009, after FERCO has completed in 2008 its EU technical guide to food hygiene and HACCP, with the support of national experts from contract catering companies. FERCO will seek for the official recognition of the guide by DG SANCO and the Member States.

### **Next meetings**

The next meeting of the Steering Committee will take place in Paris on 29 February 2008 at 11:00 (venue to be decided).

The Plenary meeting of the SSDC is planned in Brussels on 7 October 2008.