



Work programme of the social partners of the leather/tanning sector for 2016-2017

1. Introduction

Seeking to play their role fully and to improve the quality of their sectoral dialogue, COTANCE and industriAll-European Trade Union, social partners at European level in the leather and tanning sector, adopt the following work programme for 2016 and 2017.

This work programme, supported by the social partners at national level, also aims to improve the interrelation of the autonomous sectoral social dialogue at European level with, on the one hand, the dialogues at national level, and on the other hand, the cross-sectoral dialogue at European level.

The programme also comes within the scope of the intention of the current Commission Juncker to become the Commission of the Social Dialogue and is a follow-up to previous communications such as the Commission's Communication dated 26 June 2002 entitled "*The European social dialogue, a force for innovation and change*", and one dated 12 August 2004 entitled "*Partnership for change in an enlarged Europe – Enhancing the contribution of European social dialogue*".

It links also to the Europe 2020 Strategy that notably includes as one flagship "*An industrial policy for the globalisation era*" and that foresees the setting up of a framework for a modern industrial policy. Finally, it relates to the implementation of some aspects of the Commission Communications, Staff working documents or reports. As an example :

- Trade 4 all (Oct 2015)
- Circular Economy (Dec 2015)
- Conference on Social Dialogue (March 2015)
- Energy Union (upcoming 2016)
- etc

The programme is structured around a number of sections: trade, industrial, environmental and social policy.

Within the framework of our joint project 'A future for European Leather', both social partners will launch in February 2016 their Manifesto for the Tanning and Leather industry, including a

number of demands on trade, social, environmental and industrial policy. Demands that should create a future for the sector also after 2020.

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Sections	Themes	Objectives	Actions
Trade	WTO / DDA / FTAs / DSP / etc	WTO negotiations on market access for non-agricultural products (NAMA) Export restrictions on raw materials Marking & Labelling + Testing & Certification Non-tariff barriers Indication of origin – Qualified Origin Marking Market Access Working Group on Leather Monitoring FTA developments with 3 rd countries, including TTIP	Social partners/ DG Trade Social partners /DG Trade Social partners /DG Trade/DG Grow Social partners/ DG Trade/ national authorities
Industrial incl. Environmental	Raw materials– initiative	Contribution to and follow-up the Communication on Security of Supply with non-energy Raw Materials / Access issues. LCA & Carbon/Water Footprint/Methodology – Development of the EU PEF Pilot on Leather Regulation on leather terms and labelling + Fashion industries Raw Material initiative & New EU industrial policy Impact of the Circular Economy package on the leather industry, notably with regard to byproduct valorisation	Social partners/ DG Grow DG Grow + DG ENV / SP DG Grow Unit of M. Corazza/ Social Partners and stakeholdes DG Grow / DG ENV
Social	Education&Training / Sector Labour Market	Skills Alliances, “EQF”, ... ESCO : implementation and follow-up The SD project “Leather is my Job! 2”. Approved project will include activities and meetings European TCL Sector Skills Council, further developments Specific Education & Training projects	DG Employment / Social partners Social Partners + Euratex + CEC Project/ social partners DG Employment, Social Partners
	Social dialogue	Image of the Leather Industry – New SD Project promoting « Leather is my Job ! 2». Promoting leather as a sector employment Transparency and Traceability Project – Follow-up	Project/ SP/ DG Employment
	Framework agreement / code of conduct	Review	SP/DG Employment
	Framework agreement/ social	Implementation pilot- project II	Social partners/ DG employment

	reporting		
	Health and Safety at work	Follow-up ("online risk assesment") OIRA	Implementation at National level, new Pilot Project(s)

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