SOCIAL DIALOGUE WOOD – Work programme 2014-2015

POLICY AREA	TOPIC	Aim	Period	Responsible
Industry policy	■ Influencing the EU initiatives and policies in the wood industries	 The social partners general aim is to define an industry policy for the various covered sectors 	• 2014 -2015	AllPlenary meeting /
	 Discussing innovation policies and fostering innovative action in the sectors 	 Presenting a Joint policy on innovation for the various sectors 	Paper to present in autumn	Secretariat
	Project on demographic changes in the woodworking industry	 Improving working conditions and the attractiveness of the sector 	Project 2014 / 2015	Working group / Steering group
	Innovation (products and material)Sustainable development	Working out a position paper on sustainability in the sectors	Draft for autumn 2014	Chairman / Secretariat

Environmental policies	 Legally binding agreement on forests in Europe Wood mobilization Biomass – renewable energy policy Climate change - Discussions about a possible joint position on EU climate change policies post COP 17 (Durban) (Cancun) 	 Follow up and evaluation (position paper) Follow up Follow up Joint position paper (to prepare for the second plenary meeting, 5 November 2014) 	 2014 – 2015 (ongoing activities) September 2014 	 Plenary meeting / Secretariat (for all items of this chapter
Training and Education	EU policies in the area of VETSector Skills Council	 Improving our capacity to influence on the European level Midterm: installation of a sector skills council 	2014 -20152015	Secretariats/Working partyWorking party /Secretariats
Health & Safety	 New EU strategy on Occupational Safety and Health for the period 2013 - 2020 EU policies in this area, especially the revision of the Carcinogenic Directive (2004/37) and a possible directive on musculoskeletal disorders 	 Where possible, agreement on joint positions Possible EU-funded projects (nothing I the pipeline) 	 2014 -2015 	 Secretariats/Working party

Competitiveness	 Discussions about a possible common strategy on the competitiveness of the Forest-based industries, based on the EESC opinion 	 Getting more influence in the framework conditions for the economic activities of the sector Formulating joint essentials – with reference to the EESC 	 2014 – 2015 Draft for the second meeting of the 	SecretariatsSecretariats
		opinion	SC Wood	