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**SECTORAL DIALOGUE
COMMITTEE
RAILWAYS**

Concise minutes of the Steering Committee meeting

5 December 2012

The meeting was first chaired by the vice-chairman of the committee, Mr Gamez Ramirez (workers), then by the chairman Mr Müller (employers). The agenda was adopted. The minutes of the steering committee meeting of 27 March 2012 were adopted. The minutes of the plenary meeting of 19 June 2012 were adopted with slight changes from either side.

(1) ERA (European Railway Agency) future work on Article 33 report

Mr Mette (ERA) informed the participants on the preparation of the Article 33¹ report which was due by 29 October 2013 (see slide presentation). He asked the social partners for input to the questionnaire, for instance regarding the qualitative and quantitative analysis. Mr Mette confirmed that the Agency had the intention to involve the social partners from the beginning in order to get a complete picture of the situation.

ETF announced that they would consult their affiliates. It was important to check whether the competences were really there, whether route knowledge and language levels were assured in cross-border operations. There were some problems related to the length of training (huge differences). ETF also reported that apparently, it was possible in Germany to order a licence via the Internet! CER wondered whether problems already identified, such as those related to language skills and visual faculty, would be adapted without further delay or only together with all changes proposed in a year's time. Mr Grillo (DG MOVE) said this depended on the urgency. If done before, modifications would go the usual way through the RISC committee (regulatory procedure with scrutiny).

Mr Mette agreed to send the current draft of the questionnaire to the social partners for comments. The idea of organising workshops in order to supplement the questionnaire survey might be skipped due to recourse and budget limitations

¹ Article 33 of the Train Driver Directive 2007/59/EC

(2) Finalisation of the Committee's work programme 2013-2014

The parties went through the draft work programme prepared by the secretariats and made last adaptations.

It was agreed to keep the monitoring of the implementation of the CER/ETF agreement on a European licence although it was not considered as a priority. The social partners would concentrate on the Article 33 report to be prepared by the Agency. CER agreed to send their internal assessment of the implementation of the social partner agreement to ETF.

The point on ERTMS "test tracks" and the system's impact on employees would only be kept if EIM agreed to lead the activity. So far, EIM had not given their feedback yet and would therefore be officially asked again. If EIM were not to take the lead, this item would disappear from the work programme.

The two running projects would switch between working groups (PSR-RAIL will be dealt with by working group II, whilst the project on social aspects and protection of staff would go to working group I).

The work programme 2013-2014 was adopted.

(3) Information by DG Mobility and Transport (DG MOVE)

Mr Grillo (DG MOVE) gave information on recent developments: the Recast Directive 2012/34/EU adopted on 21 November 2012 would lead to a number of implementing (16) and delegated (4) acts; the situation in some Member States regarding the transposition of the Train Driver Directive was worrying; the report on the certification of other on-board personnel was ready and would be part of the 4th Railway Package; ERA's work programme for 2013 would be adopted soon; a number of TSIs would be reviewed next year; the 4th Railway Package currently in inter-service consultation would be adopted early next year.

The social partners underlined again the need for a stronger/compulsory protection of personnel in case of change of operator. ETF asked whether a systematic social partner consultation was foreseen during the preparation of the 20 implementing/delegated acts. The Commission representative would come back on this question in writing.

(4) Any other business

ETF announced that the final conference of the project on insecurity and the feeling of insecurity in rail passenger transport would take place this afternoon. At the end of this event, CER and ETF would sign recommendations to promote security and the feeling of security vis-à-vis third-party violence in the European railway sector.

Ms Durst (EMPL) announced that as from next year, meetings needed to be ordered nine weeks in advance. The planned social dialogue meetings for 2013 were: 21 March, 21 June (plenary meeting), 18 September and 20 November.

Participants 5.12.2012

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