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Working group meeting "Rest facilities", 2 July 2009

Concise minutes

The meeting was chaired by Mr Causse (employers).

Presentation of the SETPOS and LABEL projects

Mr Mayet (European Commission) presented the EU actions to promote better rest areas for commercial road transport, in particular the two pilot projects SETPOS¹ and LABEL² and the directive on road safety management which will require all new roads and motorways to have adequate rest facilities (see slide presentation). The audience focussed mainly on the financial needs and the role of the private sector, on the possibilities to improve existing infrastructures, on the relationship between a new trans-European network project "Easyway" and SETPOS, and on the health & safety needs of the profession. The Commission representative confirmed that the social partners' criteria of 2006 had indeed been used to establish a Guide to good practices and the label classification which will be tested with real sites in the coming months. He also explained that IRU and ETF were regularly invited to the pilot projects. He reiterated that infrastructure planning was primarily a national competence and that the Commission's role beyond the road safety directive dealing with future road infrastructure was to encourage member states to adopt national strategies to better use and upgrade existing facilities and to improve the quality of security of rest areas. The Commission was sensitised to the health & safety question. The current consultation on the future of transport and mobility³ was a good occasion to raise it again.

Social partners' debate on future action on parking and rest facilities

After the Association of Estonian International Road Carriers' presentation of their information system ABC to operate the border queues (www.bordercrossing.eu), the social partners discussed their future action on parking and rest facilities.

¹ <http://www.setpos.eu/>

² <http://www.truckparkinglabel.eu/>

³ http://ec.europa.eu/transport/strategies/2009_future_of_transport_en.htm

ETF identified three points: What to do further with the 2006 criteria? What about the issue health & safety at work? Which more practical way for drivers to access parking facilities?

IRU presented a text which had been discussed with ETF beforehand. The proposals included: carrying out a study on the capacity of rest facilities, organising a joint press conference, and organising a conference to disseminate the results of the study. Other proposals were to prepare a joint statement for the debate on the future of transport (ETF) and to sit together before the next LABEL meeting to represent joint views vis-à-vis the LABEL consortium (IRU). IRU therefore suggested discussing these points in a smaller group between secretariats and a small number of delegates.

In ETF's view, joint work at national level was crucial at this stage. The workers' organisation informed IRU that they were currently preparing their contribution towards the White Paper (all transport modes together). This paper would be ready by end September.

Any other business

The next meeting planned for 5 October 2009 would be used for the local public transport working group.

IRU informed the meeting about the successful workshops which took place in the framework of the ILO project "Strengthening the capacity of social partners in the road transport sector in Bulgaria and Romania to engage in effective and constructive social dialogue at international, national and enterprise level" (EC grant agreement VS/2008/0506).

Ms Durst (European Commission) informed the participants on the state of play with regard to the Commission's future communication on sectoral social dialogue.

List of participants

<u>Employers</u>	<u>Workers</u>
Ms Antignac (FR) Mr Causse (FR) Mr Gentze (DE) Ms Ivanova (BG) Ms Kerbellec (FR) Mr Kramer (NL) Mr Kuldkepp (EE) Ms López Leza (ES) Ms Maître (FR) Mr Marques (PT) Mr Nielsen (IRU) Ms Radu (RO) Mr Ribeiro de Campos (PT) Mr Salmon (UK) Mr Schmid (Observer, CH) Mr Vesterholm (DK) Mr Viccars (IRU) Ms Visscher (NL) Mr Yarsley (UK)	Mr Buenestado (ES) Ms Coulet (FR) Mr de Jong (NL) Ms de Roeck (BE) Mr Garcia Revuelta (ES) Ms Heinisch (ETF) Mr Kokoska (CZ) Ms Malinovska (LT) Ms Paas (NL) Mr Parrillo (BE) Mr Polivka (CZ) Mr Peterson (EE) Ms Petrova (BG) Mr Pettersson (SE) Mr Ryd (SE) Mr Schönauer (AT) Mr Sugic (FR) Ms Tilling (ETF) Mr van Ravesteijn (NL) Mr Vancraeyenest (FR) Ms Volkers (DE) Mr Wolff (LU)
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