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29 October 2014
Plenary meeting
Minutes

Chairman: Tim VAN RIE (European Commission)

1. Adoption of the draft agenda

The Chairman welcomed the participants. The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 6 June 2014

The draft minutes of the meeting of the previous meeting were adopted.

3. Report by the Chairman on the OIB lunchtime conference on daytime cleaning held in the Commission premises on 24 September 2014

The Chairman reported on the lunchtime conference on daytime cleaning at the Commission premises. This conference was a follow-up event to a prior conference on 18 June 2013, which had been mainly attended by the Commission's building superintendents (chefs d'immeuble). The aim of the second event was to raise awareness on daytime cleaning among Commission staff across different services. First, the European social partners promoted their Joint Declaration on daytime cleaning. Next, the Belgian social partners provided a presentation on their joint campaign "*Nettoyer en journée? Un monde de différences*". The Commission's Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Brussels (OIB) presented the state of play on daytime cleaning in the Commission premises by explaining that daytime cleaning is largely applied within the Commission premises. This was followed by a discussion. The Chairman thanked the social partners for their contributions, and noted that daytime cleaning appeared to be widely accepted by the Commission staff.

The social partners reported that the event had been a positive experience. They looked forward to continue jointly promoting the issue further under the work programme 2015-16. The social partners agreed to contact the Commission's Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg and its equivalent in the European Parliament to raise awareness regarding daytime cleaning.

4. Presentation by Eduardo Cobas from the Confederation of European Security Services (COESS) regarding

- **The actualisation of the “Best Value Manual” of the private security sector**

Eduardo Cobas (COESS) provided a presentation of the updated ‘Best Value Manual’, a joint project by the European social partners of the private security sector, with financial support by the European Commission.

The presentation covered the rationale and objectives of the project, as well as the contents of the updated manual (see presentation in annex). In addition, Mr Cobas provided insight into the management of the project. He emphasized the role of the external expert in drafting the report and including legal references. Moreover, he underlined the role and need for engagement from the very beginning of the steering committee and national members to include country-specific information on markets and public procurement. Mr Cobas noted that the extension of the existing guide (which focused on public procurement) to the private sector had proven challenging, but also very valuable for the final outcome. He also noted that the manual could prove to be a good lobbying instrument in the transposition process of the new EU Public Procurement directive.

The EFCI and UNI Europa thanked Mr Cobas for his presentation. In view of updating the Best Value Guide for the cleaning sector, the social partners agreed to apply for funding in 2015.

- **The European Online interactive Risk Assessment (OiRA) tool for the private security sector**

Mr Cobas shared the experience of the private security sector in adapting the European OiRA tool at the national level. The Catalan authorities had committed to translating the guide into Spanish and Catalan, and proposed adapting it to the national context. In this regard, Mr Cobas emphasized the need for European social partners to retain ownership of their jointly developed tool. In Belgium, national social partners of the private security sector had jointly requested financial support by the authorities.

UNI Europa and the EFCI reported on the state of play for the OiRA tool of the industrial cleaning sector: The Belgian social partners were in the process of adapting the tool at national level. In Slovenia, an independent company is actually adapting the tool.

5. Discussion on working programme 2015-2016 to be adopted at the first meeting of 2015

The social partners’ discussed the committees work programme for 2015-16, based on a joint proposal developed by the secretariats of the EFCI and UNI Europa. The document takes stock of progress under the work programme 2013-14 and identifies the main priorities for the next two years.

The following amendments were tabled: Under ‘regulatory issues’, the employers proposed to add the issue of quality to the heading ‘socially responsible public procurement’. The trade unions accepted this addition. Norma Van den Berg (EFCI) noted that the code of conduct mentioned in the draft work programme was jointly

developed by Dutch employers and trade unions and participants decided to add this information in the work programme. Anna Harvey (UNI Europa) proposed to discuss the Cleaners' charter at the next meeting.

The social partners agreed to finalise the work programme, in view of adoption at the next meeting.

6. European Commission proposal to establish an EU platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work

• Report by Rémi Loison (EFCI) on the follow-up of the legislative procedure

Rémi Loison (EFCI) reported on the latest developments regarding the European platform on undeclared work, as proposed by the Commission in April 2014. At the level of the European Parliament, the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs had appointed its rapporteur, Mr Georgi Pirinski in September 2014.

At the level of the Council of the European Union, the employment ministers of the Member States had adopted a position in October 2014. This position states that the platform will be mandatory for all EU Member States but that they are free to determine their level of involvement in the specific actions undertaken.

In line with their joint contribution to the Commission's social partner consultation, the social partners agreed to seek observer status in the proposed platform. The EFCI (Mr Lill) informed the committee that he would meet the rapporteur of the Parliament on 18 November. UNI Europa (Ms Harvey) informed the committee that jointly with other European trade unions, it would advocate that social partners' status in the platform should go beyond observers.

Mr Jésus Fernandez Béjar (UNI Europa) provided a report on undeclared work in Spain, in particular highlighting how this problem is in the foreground.

7. EU legislative proposal and EFCI/UNI Europa lobbying activities

• Joint statement by social partners regarding the ongoing implementation of the modernised Directive 2014/24/EU on public procurement rules

Following the discussions at the previous meeting, the social partners' secretariats had developed a draft joint statement. Andreas Lill proposed to include updated figures on the cleaning sector, based on a survey conducted by the EFCI (number of cleaning companies: from 140.000 in 2010 to 176.000 in 2012; turnover: from 62 billion to €65.5 billion; the number of workers remained stable at 3.32 million).

The social partners adopted the joint position.

Ms Harvey informed the committee of an ongoing survey by UNI Europa on the implementation of the directive at national level. She promised to provide further information at the committee's next meeting.

8. Dates for next meetings in 2015

9 February 2015 Working Group meeting

27 April 2015 Working Group meeting

9 November 2015 Plenary meeting

The social partners agreed to start the joint meetings at 13:30 instead of 14:00.

9. Any other business

The Chairman provided information on the new college of European Commissioners, entering office on 1 November 2014. Marianne Thyssen was appointed Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility. Valdis Dombrovskis was appointed Vice-President for Euro and Social Dialogue.

Annexes

-Presentation 'Selecting best value. Buying quality private security services. Eduardo Cobas Urcelay Chairman CoESS Private Security Services Social Dialogue Committee

- European Social Dialogue for Industrial Cleaning Sector. Draft work programme 2015-2016

- Joint statement by the European social partners of the Cleaning Industry regarding the DIRECTIVE 2014/24/EU OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL on public procurement