



**Work programme of the social partners of the
leather/tanning sector for 2013
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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 2013.

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 follow-up to 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 Staff working documents or reports:

- of 22 July 2010, on "*The functioning and potential of European sectoral social dialogue*".
- of 19 October 2012, on "*Competitiveness of European High-End industries*".
- of 19 October 2012, on "*Where Manufacturing meets Creativity – Policy Options for the Competitiveness of European Fashion Industries*".
- of 5 October 2012, Report on the Round Table discussion on "*Materials Research and Innovation in the Creative Industries*".

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

Sections	Themes	Objectives	Actions
Trade	WTO / DDA / FTAs / DSP / etc	<p>WTO negotiations on market access for non-agricultural products (NAMA)</p> <p>Export restrictions of raw materials</p> <p>Marking & Labelling + Testing & Certification Non-tariff barriers</p> <p>Indication of origin – Qualified Origin Marking</p> <p>Market Access Working Group on Leather</p> <p>Monitoring FTA developments with 3rd countries</p>	<p>Social partners/ DG Trade</p> <p>Social partners /DG Trade</p> <p>Social partners /DG Trade/DG ENTR</p> <p>Social partners/ DG Trade/ national authorities</p>
Industrial incl. Environmental	<p>Action plan</p> <p>Raw materials– industrial policy</p>	<p>Following up the update of the programme aimed at “Promoting competitiveness and employment in the European leather and tanning sector” & the 2012 Staff Working documents on the Fashion Industries</p> <p>Contribution to and follow-up the Communication on Security of Supply with non-energy Raw Materials / Access issues.</p> <p>LCA & Carbon/Water Footprint/Methodology</p> <p>Regulation on leather terms and labelling + Fashion industries</p> <p>Raw Material initiative & New EU industrial policy</p>	<p>Social partners / DG Ind-Enterprise</p> <p>Social partners/ DG Ind-Enterprise</p> <p>DG ENTR + DG ENV / SP</p> <p>DG Industry Unit of M. Aguinaga/ Social Partners and stakeholdes</p>
Social	Education&Training / Sector Labour Market	<p>Skills Alliances, Skills Panorama and “EQF”</p> <p>ESCO & the SD “App-Grade” project</p> <p>European TCL Sector Skills Council</p> <p>Specific Education & Training projects</p>	<p>DG Employment + DG EAC/ Social partners</p> <p>Pilot project/ social partners</p> <p>Social Partners + Euratex + CEC?</p> <p>DG EAC, Social Partners</p>
	Social dialogue	<p>Image of the Leather Industry – New SD Project promoting « Leather is my Job ! »</p> <p>Transparency Project – Follow-up</p> <p>Manage restructuring in a social acceptable way</p>	Project/ SP/ DG Employment
	<p>Framework agreement / code of conduct</p> <p>Framework agreement/ social reporting</p>	<p>Rewiew</p> <p>Implementation pilot- project II</p>	<p>SP/DG Employment</p> <p>Social partners/ DG employment</p>
	Health and Safety at work	Follow-up (“online risk assesment”) OIRA	Implementation at National level, new Pilot Project(s)

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