



Minutes of the of the working group meeting of 10 March 2021

Due to the situation created by the COVID-19 crisis, the meeting was organised with the videoconference (Interactio).

1. Adoption of the meeting's draft agenda and the draft minutes of last meeting

Ms Florence Berthelot (Déléguée Générale, FNTR) chaired the meeting.

Draft minutes of the working group meeting of 27 January 2021 were adopted.

The draft agenda was adopted.

2. Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy - Road transport-related aspects and Action Plan

DG MOVE Strategy and communication unit presented the context and main objective of the Sustainable and Smart Mobility Strategy adopted by the Commission on 9 December 2020.



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ETF raised concerns about the lack of progress regarding the implementation of previous strategies. Role of labour costs not considered when fixing the objectives. Not enough focus on modal shift. The main issue is the enforcement of rules.

IRU also stressed the need for a long-term strategy addressing digitalisation, modal shift and the issue of enforcement of rules to make the road transport more resilient. They referred to the social partners' joint position.

DG MOVE replied that an evaluation of the white paper was conducted, stressed the need to address the green and digital transition and reminded the actions already implemented such as the cooperation with the European Labour Authority.

The Chair concluded the need to continue the dialogue with social partners on those issues.

3. Enforcement of Mobility Package 1 - including the preparation for the application of the new EU posting rules (Lex specialist)

The new head of unit of DG MOVE Road transport unit introduced himself.

He introduced the state of play with the preparation of the Q&A that is prepared by the Commission with the consultation of the stakeholders (through the expert group on posting driver in the road transport).



3 - MP1 - Posting
and IMI - SSDC.pdf

ETF stressed the huge problems with the application of the measures adopted in August 2020 and raised the issue of transposition of the new rules. They asked how the Commission is monitoring the transposition of the new lex specialis and to be consulted on the draft Q&A. They asked about the state of development of IMI (Internal Market Information System).

IRU raised a question about the need to have easy accessible information in all EU languages. The French delegate asked about a transition period.

DG MOVE reminded the role of the expert group to clarify these issues. The Commission's role is to guide the Member States for the transposition. The stakeholders will be consulted on the Q&A.

The Chair concluded that there are still many issues to be addressed on this file; the social partners need to be associated and consulted.

4. Preliminary findings of the ETF study on driver fatigue

Ver.di reported on the implementation of the ETF Project "*Trade unions and drivers for safer roads in Europe*" supported by the European Commission under the 'information and training measures for workers' organisations' call for proposals.

A EU wide survey was conducted amongst passenger and freight transport drivers. A 1st Workshop for passenger transport is foreseen on 8 and 9 December 2020¹. The final conference will be organised on 3 and 4 June 2021.

IRU reiterated its interest to be associated into the discussion of the results.

5. Charter on improving the treatment of drivers at loading unloading sites

IRU reported on progress on the Charter on improving the treatment of drivers at loading unloading sites and called to all social partners to support the Charter's promotion.

Dissemination of the Charter was discussed, notably translation needs. Exact targeted languages will be confirmed by writing.

¹ <https://www.etf-europe.org/bus-and-truck-drivers-affirm-experience-of-fatigue-and-stress-in-an-etf-workshop-on-driver-fatigue/>

6. Working Programme 2021-2022

The Road committee work programme was adopted



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7. Road transport aspects of the EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement

Representative of the DG MOVE Road transport unit, presented the state of play on the trade agreement with UK in the road transport.



8 - Brexit road
transport slides.pdf

8. Results of the EC-funded study on exploring the possible employment implications of connected and automated driving

The presentation by the consultant Mr Geert Smit (ECORYS) was cancelled; it would take place through a dedicated meeting organised by the social partners.

9. AOB

- The Commission launched the first-stage consultation of European social partners on how to improve the working conditions for people working through digital labour platforms on 24 February 2021.
- The Commission adopted the Action Plan on the European Pillar of Social Rights on 4 March 2021. It sets out concrete actions to turn the 20 principles of the Pillar into reality. These actions will require a joint effort by Member States and the EU, with an active involvement of social partners. The Action Plan puts forward three EU-level targets in the areas of employment, skills and social protection to be achieved by 2030. Following consultation with social partners in 2021, the Commission will present an initiative to support social dialogue at EU and national level in 2022. The initiative will include the launch of a new award for innovative social dialogue practices; an information and visiting programme for young future social partner leaders; the review of sectoral social dialogue at EU level and a new supporting frame for social partner agreements at EU level.
- Next road transport SSD Committee meetings in 2021:
 - Wednesday 22/9 UPT WG
 - Monday 22/11 Plenary