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WORKING GROUP MEETING
PRIVATE SECURITY**

**7 JUNE 2013
BRUSSELS, ALBERT BORSCHETTE CONFERENCE CENTRE**

MINUTES

Participants:

Employer representatives

Mr Eduardo Cobas Urcelay, APROSER, Spain
Ms Nathalie De Mulder, CoESS, Belgium
Mr Claude Lévy, SNES, France
Mr Richard Orgård, Almega, Sweden
Mr Björn Ericsson, Almega, Sweden
Mr Anton Larsen, DI, Denmark

Employee representatives

Ms Laila Castaldo, UNI Europa, Belgium
Mr Jesús Arroyo, UGT, Spain
Mr Ron Boltorg, FNU Bondgenoten, Netherlands
Mr Alessandro Sacco, FILCAMS-CGIL, Italy
Mr Peter Jörgensen, Forbundet, Sweden
Mr Jesús Martínez Dorado, AADD CCOO, Spain
Mr Sándor Szabó, VSZSZ, Hungary
Mr Pal Kövago, VSZSZ, Hungary

European Commission

Mr Norbert Schöbel, DG EMPL (in the chair)
Mr Rüdiger Voss, DG ECFIN

Adoption of the draft agenda and of the draft minutes of the working group meeting held on 18 February 2013

The draft agenda was adopted without modification (with the exception that point 4 was taken at the beginning of the meeting). As for the draft minutes, due to the late transmission, secretariats were invited to agree on it at later stage.

- 1. Public procurement**
 - a. State of play**
 - b. Feedback on Action Day 28 May 2013**
 - c. Next steps in lobby**

Ms Castaldo informed participants about the state of play regarding the Proposal for a Directive on public procurement (COM(2011) 896 final, 20.12.2011), e.g. the trilogue meeting on 13 June 2013. It seems that Commissioner Barnier accepted the principle of requesting a mandatory social clause although it is not clear in which way this will be formulated. She also said that the Council would like to keep the principle of awarding public contracts on the basis of the most economically advantageous tender or the lowest cost (Article 66). **Mr Cobas Urcelay** was rather pessimistic about a possibility at this stage to include the sector into the list of Annex XVI which is related to public contracts for social and other specific services as defined in Article 74.

Ms Castaldo informed participants about the campaign related to public procurement gathering trade unions from several sectors (security, cleaning, catering and construction). She presented the leaflet "Lowest Price Workers! No more!" and reported on the Action Day on 28 May 2013 in front of the premises of DG MARKT. A member of the cabinet of Commissioner Barnier accepted to meet representatives from the trade unions. She concluded that the Commission services, in the short-term, were committed to work on the mandatory social clause and, in the long-term, to organise a meeting covering several sectors in order to monitor the process.

Both sides expressed their intention to continue the lobbying favouring the best value principle. It was also agreed to consult the national affiliates about a possible update of the guide from 1999 "Selecting best value - A manual for organisations awarding contracts for private guarding services" which could include both best and bad practices.

- 2. High-Level Group (HLG) on Business services**
 - a. Background and state of play**
 - b. Feedback on HLG Working Group meetings of May 16th 2013**

Both sides reported on their role and their active participation in the High Level Group on Business services. **Ms Castaldo** stressed the risk that services in general terms could be put at a lower level compared to manufacturing. **Mr Cobas Urcelay** added that technical aspects might be considered more important than aspects of human resources and that the Commission would intensify the push for reducing the costs of the internal market. Both sides agreed to put this important item on the agenda of the plenary meeting to be held on 10 December 2013 in order to organise an exchange of views with a representative of DG ECFIN.

- 3. OiRA project**
 - a. Meeting of 11 April 2013 – results**
 - b. Next steps**

Mr Cobas Urcelay reported on the positive developments resulting from the meeting of experts held on 11 April 2013. As for the next meeting scheduled on 24 June, a new draft will be submitted taking into account necessary improvements (e.g. in relation to some segments; like airport or event security). The final version should be ready by 16 September. He thanked the EU-OSHA Agency in Bilbao for its support and positive attitude towards the development of this tool. Once finalised, it needs to be implemented at national level.

4. **Regulation (EU) No 1214/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 November 2011 on the professional cross-border transport of euro cash by road between euro-area Member States**
 - a. **General update by Mr Francis Ravez**
 - b. **Implementation of the CIT Regulation by Mr Rüdiger Voss**
 - c. **Analysis of the information on the e-commission web page**

Mr Francis Ravez introduced the subject while referring to its background and highlighting the language problem in emergency cases.

Mr Rüdiger Voss (DG ECFIN) explained the state of play regarding the CIT Regulation which entered into force last year and which relates to a limited number of very small businesses. He confirmed that the problem of languages skills is a key issue. There would also be the risk that some companies provide the services without the license required, but the control needs to be done by Member States.

Ms Castaldo wanted to know more about the respect of minimum wages while **Mr Cobas Urcelay** highlighted the role of social partner in relation to the training activities necessary for the licence. **Mr Rüdiger Voss** stressed the fact that Member States are responsible for the implementation of the regulation. Since a review of the regulation is foreseen after five years (2016), he invited social partners to contribute to this review in order to achieve further improvements. He also asked to provide the following link where social partners could have access to further information on this issue:

http://ec.europa.eu/economy_finance/euro/cash/transport/index_en.htm

5. **DG EMPL call for proposals VP/2013/001**
 - a. **General information**
 - b. **Way forward?**

The Chair reported on the state of play regarding the two calls for proposals related to social dialogue. EU social partners informed the Commission about a new joint application with the aim to update the guide "Selecting best value - A manual for organisations awarding contracts for private guarding services" from 10 June 1999 and with a view to take into account new market realities and new legislation. In order to create synergies, EU social partners suggested linking the date of the final conference with the date of one of the sectoral social dialogue committee meetings (either the day before or the day after). **The Chair** replied that the Commission would inform EU social partners about the financial rules to be respect in such a case.

6. **Social Dialogue general information and policy**

The Chair reported on the state of play regarding the review of the European Strategy on Health and Safety. The evaluation of the European Strategy 2007-2012 has been finalised and summarised in a Staff Working Document adopted on 31 May 2013 (SWD(2013) 2020 final). Based on these results, a public consultation was launched (the period of consultation was from 31 May until 26 August 2013) with a view to gather inputs for a new EU OSH policy framework.

Ms Castaldo referred to the Impact assessment related to minimum requirements for the protection of workers against risk factors leading to work related musculo-skeletal diseases to which UNI Europa intends to react.

7. **AOB**

Mr Cobas Urcelay reported on the meeting between the secretariats and Mr Jean-Paul Tricart (Head of Unit B1, Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue) held on 25 March 2013. The main objective of this meeting was to discuss how the support from the Commission could be further improved, in particular due to the fact that there is no specific unit within the Commission directly dealing with the sector. It was concluded the Commission could, on request of EU social partners

organise a Thematic Liaison Forum in 2014 which would allow to have an exchange of views on the specific challenges of labour intensive sectors.

Ms Castaldo mentioned the positive example of a recently organised Skype-conference which in her view should be further reflected.

8. Date and venue of the next SSDC meeting

The next working group meeting will be held on 1 October 2013.

9. Closing and adjourn

None.