



Plenary Meeting Sector Social Dialogue Committee Chemical Industry

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13h45 Welcome by the Chairpersons and the EU Commission, technical announcements and approval of the agenda

Reinhard REIBSCH (EMCEF), Simon MARSH (ECEG), Dirk HADRICH (EU Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)

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Flexicurity & Labour Market Analysis

- 14h00 EU Commission Communication: Towards Common Principles of Flexicurity: More and better jobs through flexibility and security**
Johannes KESTER (EU Commission, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities)
- 14h20 Question and comments from delegates, Discussion**

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Sector Social Dialogue Committee Working Group on Education, Training and Lifelong Learning

- 14h40** Report on Working Group activities since the last Plenary Meeting in May 2007
Catherine BEUDON (ECEG)
- 15h00** Question and comments from delegates, Discussion

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Sector Social Dialogue Committee Working Group on Responsible Care, Health & Safety

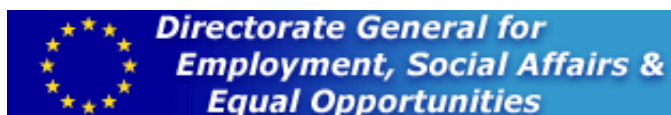
15h15 Report on Working Group activities since the last Plenary Meeting in May 2007 and report on status quo regarding the project “Health and Safety as target for Social Dialogue”

Stefano RUVOLO (EMCEF),

additional remarks from Jochen WILKENS (ECEG)

15h35 Question and comments from delegates, Discussion

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Key Challenges Facing European Labour Markets: A joint analysis of European Social Partners

16h20 Presentation of paper adopted by the interprofessional Social Partners

Jørgen RØNNEST

(Acting Director Social Affairs, BusinessEurope)

16h45 Question and comments from delegates, Discussion

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Sector Social Dialogue Committee Working Group on Industrial Policy, Competitiveness and Employment

17h00 Report on Working Group activities since the last Plenary Meeting in May 2007 and report on status quo regarding the project “Restructuring, Managing Change, Competitiveness and Employment”

Ladislav NOVAK (ECEG),

additional remarks from Erik MACAK (EMCEF)

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Sector Social Dialogue Committee Working Group on Industrial Policy, Competitiveness and Employment (continued)

17h20 Report on Start of High Level Group Chemical Industry

Reinhard REIBSCH (EMCEF)

and Jean-Claude LAHAUT (Cefic)

17h45 Question and comments from delegates, Discussion

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18h00 Any other business

18h15 End of Meeting

**18h45 Meet in Hotel Lobby,
transport by bus to historic City Centre**

19h00 Tourist tour with early 20th century tram

20h30 Port Wine tasting in Portuguese Port Wine Institute

21h00 Dinner in Restaurant "Adega Machado"

23h00 Busses return from Restaurant to Hotel

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Opening of the Conference

Welcome from ECEG and EMCEF

Jean PELIN (ECEG President)

and Reinhard REIBSCH (EMCEF General Secretary)

Welcome from the Portuguese

Social Partners of the Chemical Industry

Lubélia PENEDO (APEQ Director General) and

Francisco NEGRÕES (SINDEQ General Secretary)

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The European Chemical Industry in 2007 – reviewing recent developments

- 09h30 the employers perspective
Stephen ELLIOTT (ECEG, United Kingdom)
- 09h45 the trade union perspective
Thomas NIEBER (EMCEF, Germany)
- 10h00 Discussion with the Panellists
Questions and Comments from Participants

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Project “Restructuring, Managing Change, Competitiveness and Employment in the EU Chemical Industry”

10h20 ***Presentation of the Project idea and timetable***
Lutz MÜHL (ECEG Secretary of the Board)

10h30 ***Report from the workshops in Wiesbaden (EU15)***
on 10 & 11 September and
in Prague (EU10+2) on 25 & 26 September
Mira KOVACHEVA (Foundation for advanced Social
Trust, Bulgaria)

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Setting the Scene

– Restructuring in the Chemical Industry

11h10 ***Economic perspectives of the EU Chemical Industry***

Rafael GOMEZ (London School of Economics)

11h50 ***Corporate Structural Change and Social Dialogue
in the Chemical Industry from a global perspective***

Yasuhiko KAMAKURA

(International Labour Organisation, Geneva)

12h20 ***Discussion with the Panellists***

Questions and Comments from Participants

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Setting the Scene – Restructuring in Europe

- 14h00** *a view from the European Commission*
William KEAG (European Commission,
DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal
Opportunities)
- 14h30** *Questions and Comments from Participants*

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***ECEG and EMCEF points of view
– first ideas for joint “lessons learned”***

14h45 *the employers perspective*

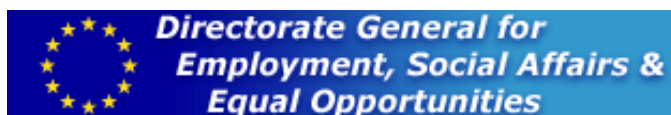
Lutz MÜHL (ECEG, Secretary of the Board)

15h00 *the trade union perspective*

Reinhard REIBSCH (EMCEF General Secretary)

15h15 *Questions and Comments from Participants
and Discussion*

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Conclusions and Closure of the Conference

Jean PELIN (ECEG President) and

Reinhard REIBSCH (EMCEF General Secretary)

End of Conference & Coffee



20h00 Dinner in the Hotel Restaurant

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