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Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee Contract Catering

Minutes of the Working Group meeting
Brussels, 16 June 2010

Present:

FERCO:		FERCO	Marie-Christine LEFEBVRE
	Hungary	VIMOSZ	Lajos BÖRÖCZ
			Szabina SZIKORA
			Gabrielle FEJÉR
EFFAT:		EFFAT	Kerstin HOWALD
	France	FGTA-FO	Rafael NEDZYNSKI
	Hungary	VISZ	Vera KRIFATON
			Janosne BÚS

European Commission:
Elisabeth AUFHEIMER, DG EMPL/F1

The meeting is chaired by Ms Aufheimer (DG EMPL). She welcomes the participants and the interpreters and reads out the agenda.

1. Approval of the agenda

The agenda is approved.

2. Approval of the minutes of the working group meeting held on 1st February 2010

The minutes are approved.

3. Preparation of the grant application for the training tool on food hygiene

Ms Lefebvre (FERCO) gives a presentation on a proposal for a grant application for the training tool on food hygiene under the social dialogue budget line 01. The deadline for the application is 31st August 2010.

The presentation can be downloaded here:

http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/empl/sectoral_social_dialogue/library?l=/catering/2010/20100616_arbeitsgruppe/20100616_training/_EN_1.0_&a=d

After discussing some administrative and organizational questions, the participants agree that the Hungarian Trade Union VISZ will be the leading project partner, supported by the Hungarian employers' organization VIMOSZ, as well as by EFFAT and FERCO.

The training tool will be translated from English into French, German, Portuguese, Hungarian, Spanish and Italian.

Taking the results of the discussions into consideration, Ms Lefebvre (FERCO) will adapt the presentation and send it to the participants of the meeting.

4. Preparation of the plenary meeting of the social dialogue committee

Ms Howald (EFFAT) makes reference to the 2010 work programme. All the points of the work programme will be tackled at the plenary meeting.

- Training tool on food hygiene: Information will be given with regard to the launch of the project.
- Concerning Public Procurement and the "Guide on social considerations in public procurement", Ms Aufheimer will invite DG Markt to give an overview about the current situation on this matter.
- EFFAT-FERCO "Guide to the economically most advantageous offer in contract catering": Mr Nedzynski (EFFAT) asks for a written presentation of the Italian example. It would be very useful to have a written text in hand when arguing with the employers - even if the results are not totally satisfactory. Ms Howald (EFFAT) adds that it is important to show that there exist efficient instruments in that area.
- "Corporate Social Responsibility" agreement: Ms Lefebvre (FERCO) suggests presenting the Dutch example on sustainability. Mr Nedzynski (EFFAT) insists upon the necessity not only to present examples of best practices during the committee meeting, but also to develop instruments in order to influence and encourage the affiliated members to implement the agreement and to push them into applying it in practice. Ms Howald (EFFAT) proposes to carry out a small study among the affiliated members in order to know in which way the agreement has been implemented in the Member States. Mr Nedzynski (EFFAT) recommends including also the vocational training agreement. Ferco agrees.
- Fight against obesity: Ms Lefebvre (FERCO) points out that the European Commission has undertaken an evaluation of the platform. The contract catering sector has been chosen as one of the case studies. Hopefully the results will be ready to be presented at the plenary meeting on 8 October.
- Analysis of the impact of the economic crisis on the contract catering sector: Mr Böröcz (FERCO) explains the programme which was initiated by the Hungarian social partners in order to combat the crisis by working on the cost list (energy costs, outsourcing solutions, sales activities) and by improving the sales activities. This programme will be presented at the plenary meeting.
- Works councils: Ms Howald (EFFAT) will give a report on European Works Councils.

The chair thanks all the participants and the interpreters and closes the meeting.