



**SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR INDUSTRIAL CLEANING**

**14 November 2016  
Plenary meeting  
Minutes**

**1. Adoption of the draft agenda**

The Chairman (Mr Strohbach, EC) welcomed the participants. The participants presented themselves in a "tour de table". The draft agenda was adopted.

**2. Adoption of the draft minutes of the meeting of 17 June 2016**

The draft minutes of the previous meeting were adopted.

**3. Integration of refugees and asylum seekers in the labour market**

The joint social partners declaration has not been developed further due to time constraints since the last meeting. A draft of this declaration is envisaged for the next SSDC meeting. However, in this meeting social partners asserted the common principles to be respected (solidarity, equal treatment, fair working conditions, no exceptions to be made in order to decrease labour costs) when integrating refugees and asylum seekers in the labour market.

**4. Discussion on work programme 2017-2018 to be adopted during the first meeting of 2017**

Social partners exchanged views on the work programme 2017-2018. Particular attention was given to the following issues: day time cleaning (strong regional/cultural differences), precarious work, role of digitalisation in the sector (smart cleaning technology), facility management/subcontracts, anticipation of change in the sector, zero hour contracts (different experiences in the Member States), collaborative economy and liaising with other sectors. Although all of the issues were discussed in detail some fine tuning is still needed. Therefore social partners agreed on finalising the work programme 2017-2018 between the two secretariats and to present the final version for adoption in the next SSDC meeting.

## 5. Update from the Commission on:

Information was presented with regard to the following 3 EC initiatives:

### First meeting of the EU Platform to fight against undeclared work

On 27 May 2016 the European Platform to enhance cooperation in tackling undeclared work was launched in Brussels. The Platform is composed of members and observers. EFCI is represented in the Platform as an observer. The first plenary meeting of the Platform, in which the work programme for 2017-2018 was adopted, took place on 10 October 2016. This work programme covers 3 strategic priority axes (cooperation and joint action, mutual learning, and increasing knowledge) which define the framework of the activities: (please see attached presentation).



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### State of play of the legislative proposal for a targeted review of the Posting of Workers Directive

Currently, the Commission's proposal for a revision of the Posting of Workers Directive is under examination in the Council and in the European Parliament. The Council has resumed negotiations in September, following the decision by the Commission in July to maintain the proposal after the activation of the Subsidiarity Control Mechanism ("yellow card"). Discussions are on-going at technical level. On 12 October 2016, the European Parliament started to exchange views on the proposal. The deadline for submitting amendments to the co-rapporteurs (Jongerius, S&D, and Morin-Chartier, EPP) is the end of January 2017, with a vote in the EMPL committee scheduled for April 2017.

### European pillar of social rights

The Commission aims at reinforcing Europe's social dimension. Therefore the Commission published a first preliminary outline of the European Pillar of Social Rights on 8 March 2016, which was announced by President Juncker in his State of the Union address on 9 September 2015. The publication was the kick off for a public consultation which is open until 31 December 2016. The European Pillar of Social Rights initiative is part of the work undertaken by the Commission for a deeper and fairer Economic and Monetary Union. It is conceived, first and foremost, for the Eurozone, but other Member States should also be allowed to opt in (please see attached presentation).

Social partners play a central role in the public consultation. So far social partners have already been involved in 2 dedicated hearings and a meeting at political level is planned for 9 December 2016.

The social partners of the sector Industrial Cleaning should explore the possibility of a joint contribution to the public consultation.



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## 6. Update on "Best Value" joint social partner project

The joint social partner project is well on track. The next working group/steering group meeting will take place on 15 November 2016 in which the final draft of the best value guide will be discussed. Particular attention will be given to looking at how the guide can be used best at national level. It is envisaged to have a conference to launch the guide (including a video) on 17 May 2017. The secretariats therefore asked for input/support from social partners of both sides of industry in making the conference and the best value guide a success.

## **7. Dates for next meetings in 2017**

Social partners were informed about the SSDC meetings taking place in 2017.

Working group: 27 March 2017

Working group: 14 June 2017

Plenary: 13 November 2017

## **8. Any Other Business**

Organisational questions (timing of/participation in SSDC meetings) were discussed. An earlier start (13:30) of the joint meeting was suggested and agreed on in order to suit travel arrangements of the participants.

Mr DIEZ DE LOS RIOS proposed to declare a European Cleaning Day. The other social partners supported in principle this idea. However, a common position is needed before starting the official request.

## **Annexes**

-Presentation by the European Commission on a European Platform to enhance cooperation in tackling undeclared work; European Pillar of Social Rights