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SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEES FOR “WOODWORKING” AND “FURNITURE”

17 January 2019
Steering group meeting
MINUTES

Chair : Commission.

Present : Rolf GEHRING (EFBWW), Margherita MICELI (CEI-Bois), Jean-Marie BRANSTETT (FO Construction France), Silvia MELEGARI (EOS), Roberta DESSI (EFIC), Giorgia MURGIA (EFIC), Kees HOOGENDIJK (CBM), David PAVLIS (ACN), Kenneth JOHANSSON (GS), Maria-Teresa MOITINHO (EMPL.B.3), Laura VICENTE (EMPL.B.3), Danny SCHEERLINCK (EMPL.A.2)

1. Welcome and opening, adoption of the agenda and the minutes of previous steering group meeting

The agenda was adopted. The minutes of the meeting dd. 16 November 2018 were adopted, taking into account the inclusion of a remark on EFBWW’s proposal on the inclusion of health effects in the agenda of the “Wood Dust Conference”. The chair explained that this second meeting was convened primarily in order to discuss more in detail possible agenda points for this conference”.

2. Update on organisation and date

- Date is now confirmed : Thursday 16 May 2019
- Timing : registration as from 08:30, conference from 9:00 until 16:00
- Venue : Steigenberger Hotel, Avenue Louise 71, 1050 Bruxelles
- Participants will stay in other hotels (to be selected)
- Languages for interpretation : FR/DE/EN/IT/ES
- Travel and accomodation will be organised by a travel agency, contracted by the Commission.

4. Discussion and decision about the conference programme.

The social partners and EMPL.B.3 officials gave their views on possible agenda points, which resulted in the attached outline. The draft programme is structured around 4 blocks :

- Measurement (methodology)
- Existing experiences in European Commission (issue with new limit)
- Innovation in wood dust prevention
- Good practices

It takes into account the special position and concerns of micro-enterprises, which are often based in Eastern Europe. Also, attention will be paid to techniques preventing production of wood dust in machines, as well as exhaustion machines.

The networking will be done in combination with an “exhibition” of some hand-held machinery and study material. However, attention will be paid to limiting the commercial nature of these.

5. Responsibilities for further preparation

- Social partners are encouraged to already compose a list of participants and speakers (with contact details), and to send a “save the date” message (without formally inviting participants). The list should be sent asap to EMPL.A.2
- The networking will take place in the coffee corner. EMPL.A.2 will check the dimensions of the room and the availability of a screen.
- EMPL.B.3 and EMPL.A.2 will check the level and availability of DG EMPL hierarchy to open the meeting.
- Social partners will look for a moderator.

6. AOB

The social partners started discussing the follow-up of the meeting, and possible means of dissemination. In terms of continuity, the idea arose to develop an online repository for information on good practices to limit wood dust (possibly the subject of a future project).

Attachment : draft outline