



Minutes of the working group meeting

29 March 2017

1. Adoption of the meeting's draft agenda and the draft minutes from 16 November 2016

In the absence of Mr Sugic (President Workers) and Mr Causse (Vice-President Employers), the meeting was chaired by Mr Parrillo (ACV TRANSCOM). The minutes of the working group meeting of 16 November 2016 were not yet commented for adoption and will be adopted by written procedure.

2. Adoption of the 2017-2018 SSDC work programme

ETF indicated that not all the members have had the opportunity to comment on the draft work programme and asked for an extended deadline. The work programme will be adopted by written procedure.

3. Presentation of a new electronic system to manage meetings

Since few years the Commission is working on an electronic system to organise meetings. The main advantages of this system are the integrated handling of e-pass info (i.e. access to CCAB) and quicker reimbursements. A short presentation on the use of the system was provided in view of the transition for the next meeting.

4. Driver Training

Roberto Ferravante, from DG MOVE C.2 provided a presentation on the proposal for amending Directive 2003/59/EC on the initial qualification and periodic training of professional drivers adopted on 1st February 2017¹ to update and clarify the rules on the initial qualification and periodic training of truck and bus drivers. The objective of this proposal is to contribute to higher road safety standards and to facilitate the mobility of professional drivers. The main novelties include the modernisation of the training, highlighting for example the protection of vulnerable road users and the optimisation of fuel consumption, as well as better recognition of training undergone in another Member State.



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¹ <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=COM:2017:47:FIN>

Both social partners have provided comments on the certificate of professional competence, the repetition of trainings and the control of the implementation. For ETF the main issues are the exclusion of the 3.5 T from the scope of the Directive, that training should be part of the workers working time and to avoid unfair competition. For IRU some flexibility would be welcome and some of the exemptions were questioned.

The social partners had worked in the past on a joint position on driver training which was not adopted as the Commission stopped its proposal. Social partners indicated that there is scope for a social partners' joint position on this issue.

5. Driver shortage – presentation of the available instruments

The social partners asked for a presentation of the possible instruments available for addressing the drivers' shortage.

The Alliance for Apprenticeship and the COSME programme were presented by Helen HOFFMANN (EMPL E3 VET, Apprenticeships and Adult Learning) and Valentina PIERANTOZZI (EASME).



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6. Project on training of drivers

This project, aiming to analyse how the automation will impact on drivers' future skills needs, is managed by a training association (DEKRA + AFTRAL) in cooperation with ETF and IRU Academy for 3 years. However the presentation was not available and the point could be rescheduled to a next meeting.

7. SHERE – Social Dialogue Project

The project is linked to the road transport social code negotiations. It is funded under the Commission's social dialogue budget line. It aims to build on the three negotiations meeting that took place in 2016 and to continue to address the topics decided between the social partners in view of an agreement / joint position by the end of 2017.

8. Road package and revision of the posting of workers directive

Eddy Liègois (DG MOVE C1) provided an up-date about the state of play of the Commission's package of initiatives in the road transport sector planned to be adopted on 31 of May (except the one on the liberalisation of the coach and bus market foreseen for the 4th quarter of 2017). He indicated the main objectives: i) improving internal market rules notably to fight "letter box" companies through access to the profession, improved criteria for the effective establishment and better cooperation between enforcement authorities; to address the limit of cabotage operation per days; and the use of hired vehicles in the international haulage transport; ii) the social and fair competition consisting mainly in the rest and driving time, working time and the issue of application of the posting of workers to the road transport, iii) the digitalisation and decarbonisation of the sector.

The social partners asked some clarifications; IRU notably on the articulation between the current negotiation of the posting directive and the road initiatives. ETF also reacted by saying that in overall the approach looks unacceptable.

The chair commented that there are many measures foreseen that interact and that it is difficult to consider them separately.

9. Rules concerning driving and rest time for coach passengers' transport

This point regarding the Regulation 561/2006 took place within a restricted subgroup of participants in view to envisage whether a joint initiative on this issue would be feasible.

Steven Salmon (IRU-CPT) explained the issue related to the occasional services combining road safety, working conditions and customer services.

The discussion showed different understanding of the issue between trade unions and employers. In particular the scenarios combined with the possible changes to the EU legislation were unclear.

IRU has issued a brochure explaining its proposals and suggested that ETF would provide written comments in view of a future working meeting. ETF indicated that a week of action regarding bus and coach drivers is foreseen however ETF agreed to examine the possibility to engage a discussion.

List of participants 29th March 2017

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Employers (17 ♂, 7 ♀)

IRU

1. Mr Nemeč - IRU
2. Ms Ganelli (EL)
3. Mr Kenanidis (EL)
4. Mr Csanyi (HU)
5. Mr Pardo (ES)
6. Ms Valdivia ES
7. Ms Ilie (RO)
8. Mr Yarsley (UK)
9. Mr Salmon (UK)
10. Mr Andersson (SV)
11. Mr Larsen (DK)
12. Mr Davidson (DK)
13. Mr Nielsen (DK)
14. Ms Halvorsen (DK)
15. Ms Hadrovic (DK)
16. Mr Szymanski (PL)
17. Mr Willgren (FI)
18. Ms Maitre (FR)
19. Mr Medved (CS)
20. Mr Saille (DE)
21. Mr GENTZE (DE)
22. Mr garuolis (LT)
23. Mr Vasilevskis (LT)
24. Ms Mets (ET)
25. Mr Antonissen (IE)

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Workers (17 ♂, 5 ♀)

ETF

1. Ms Tilling - ETF
2. Ms Heinisch - ETF
3. Mr Parrillo (BE)
4. Mr Reynaert (BE)
5. Mr van Hyfte (BE)
6. Mr Aarestrup DK
7. Mr Malik (UK)
8. Mr Howells (UK)
9. Mr Simeonov (BG)
10. Mr Buenestado (ES)
11. Ms Fonseca (ES)
12. Mr Garcia Revuelta (ES)
13. Mr van Tussenbroek (NL)
14. Mr Teunissen (NL)
15. Mr Boer (NL)
16. Mr Werner (DE)
17. Mr Ryd (SV)
18. Ms Kônig (SV)
19. Ms Gällhagen (SV)
20. Mr Narbutas (LT)
21. Mr Ollas (FI)
22. Mr Trond (NO)

European Commission

- Ms Finné (DG EMPL A2)
Mr Bularca (EG EMPL A2)
Mr Pancaldi (DG EMPL D1)
Ms Hoffmann (EMPL E3)
Mr Ferravante (DG MOVE C2)
Mr Liégois (DG MOVE C1)
Ms Pierantozzi (EASME)