

Outputs of the first plenary meeting of the European Platform tackling undeclared work Brussels, 10 October 2016

ITEM 1: Opening remarks by chair of European Platform

The operational conclusions from the launch event on 27 May 2016 have been published on the website.

ITEM 2: Presentation of draft rules of procedure, exchange and adoption

The SE and NL representatives presented the work of the working group, which elaborated a revised version of the rules of procedure. Their presentation was followed by an extensive discussion which led to amendments of the text. The main amendments introduced into the rules of procedure are:

On request of Business Europe, ETUC and UEAPME the articles 2, 10 and 12 have been amended.

- Article 2 states that social partners themselves decide on the representation of a specific sector, in terms of organisations and persons,
- Article 10 states now that cross-industry social partners at Union level shall be able to nominate, depending on the agenda items and work programme priorities, up to two experts per industry side,
- Article 12 includes that working groups shall achieve balanced participation from both sides of industry.

On request of LU the articles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 10, 12, 14, 15 have been amended. The main changes are:

- Art. 1.5 states now that in nominating members and observers and candidates for Platform functions such as the chairs, co-chairs and working group leaders, appropriate account should be taken of gender aspects, geographical and institutional balance. This replaces a similar provision in Art. 4.1.
- Art 5.3 states now that in accordance with Article 8 of Decision (EU) 2016/344, the Bureau shall prepare and organise the work of the Platform. In particular, the Bureau shall: a. monitor the implementation of the work programme of the Platform; b. formulate proposals for consideration as part of the work programme of the Platform.
- Article 7 now includes a provision for an Commission alternate member exercising voting rights, a provision that in duly justified cases of force majeure, the Platform can decide to grant voting rights to other representatives of the Member States and a provision that a simple majority is reached if at least half of the members present plus one, with voting rights, vote in favour provided that at least two thirds of the members of the Platform with voting rights are represented.

The modified Rules of Procedure were adopted by the Platform.

ITEM 3: Election/appointment of co-chairs of European Platform

As a result of the voting, Mr Renars Lusis, LV and Mr Yves Calvez, FR were elected with simple majority of votes.

ITEM 4: Presentation of draft work programme 2017-2018, exchange and adoption

The draft work programme was presented by the FR/SE speakers of the working group. It had been prepared by a working group of members of the Platform composed of SE, FR, FI, NL, UK, ES and ETUC.

The draft work programme was very well received by the plenary, which found it ambitious, but feasible at the same time. Two minor adjustments in activities 13 and 20 have been introduced.

The Platform adopted its work programme for 2017/2018. The work programme will be published on the website of the Commission. Work on the on the implementation of the work programme 2017-2018 will start immediately; a detailed time planning will be elaborated.

ITEM 5: Presentation of UDW Platform tender, its learning and information exchange formats

The meeting continued with a presentation held by the UDW Platform Secretariat, which focused on the tender tools and target groups for specific tools, on options to combine tools and on concrete examples on how activities can be implemented.

ITEM 6: Experiences with and results of mutual learning activities on European level

A presentation was held by a COM representative in charge of mutual learning activities of EMCO. This presentation highlighted what can be expected from mutual programmes in terms of outputs and outcome and what are the success factors for beneficial peer learning.

ITEM 7: Adoption of study 'Member State Factsheets and Synthesis Report'

The study 'Member State Factsheets and Synthesis Report' has been adopted and will be published. An additional deadline for sending updates on the country sheets, if any, was agreed upon. Update should be sent – fully formulated, in track changes mode - by 14 October 2016 to <u>EMPL-UDW-PLATFORM@ec.europa.eu</u>

ITEM 8: AOB

The next meeting of the Platform plenary will take place for 9-10 March 2017.
