

Integrated Programme of the European Social Dialogue

FINAL CONFERENCE
 “Participation in the European Social Dialogue, 2004 – 2009”

25th and 26th June 2009

8th floor ‘Clarity & Vision’ Crowne Plaza Brussels City Centre, rue Gineste 3, B-1210 Brussels

DAY ONE – 25 th June 2009		
0845 – 0930 Welcome Breakfast & Registration		
0930 – 0945	Introduction <i>Presentation of the scope, objectives & approach of the project. “Social partners’ participation in the European social dialogue: what are the social partners’ needs?”</i>	Steven D’Haeseleer (BUSINESSEUROPE) and Maria-Helena André (ETUC)
1000 – 1030	Overview of the project’s main outcomes <i>Summary of the main project findings and the key trends emerging from the 24 national seminars.</i>	Alan Wild Project expert coordinator
1030 – 1100 Coffee Break		
1100 – 1230	Theme one The ability and capacity to influence the European social dialogue <i>To what extent are the main findings of the project common to other countries? What obstacles do social partner organisations face separately but also working together when implementing EU social dialogue instruments? How could the knowledge and visibility of EU social dialogue instruments be improved at national level? Are there individual and / or joint actions that can be undertaken to improve social partners’ effectiveness and engagement at EU level?</i>	Chair: Maria-Helena André (ETUC) Panel session Slawomir Adamczyk (NSZZ Solidarnosc) Vladimira Drbalova (SP) Massimo Masella Ducci Teri (ARAN) Marjaana Valkonene (SAK) Followed by plenary discussion.
1230 – 1400 Lunch		
1400 – 1530	Theme two The financial and economic crisis and social dialogue <i>How have the social partners at European and national level worked together to mitigate the economic and social consequences of the crisis? In difficult times, is there a greater threat or opportunity for social dialogue? How important is it to formulate a joint agenda to contribute to a rapid recovery?</i>	Chair: Thérèse de Liedekerke (BUSINESSEUROPE) Panel session Andrée Debrulle (CSC) Thierry Dedieu (CFDT) Heidi Loughheed (IBEC) Grazyna Spytek-Bandurska (PKPP Lewiatan) Followed by plenary discussion.
1530 – 1600 Coffee Break		
1600 – 1730	Theme three Characteristics of effective bipartite social dialogue <i>How is experience of participating in the European social dialogue an added value at national level, and vice-versa? How can mutual trust and respect be fostered in different social dialogue systems? What are the facets of social dialogue structures, mechanisms, and processes that can be ‘transferable’ across different contexts?</i>	Chair: Juliane Bir (ETUC) Presentation Daniel Vaughan-Whitehead (ILO) Panel session Loes van Embden Andres (VNO-NCW) Fernando Marquez (CGTP) Jørgen Rønneest (DA) Hans Kuller (DGB) Followed by plenary discussion.
1730 – 1745	Summing up of Day one and close	Alan Wild Project expert coordinator



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DAY TWO - 26 th June 2009		
0830 – 0900 Welcome Breakfast		
0900 – 0945	<p><i>Theme four – External factors that facilitate social dialogue</i></p> <p>i) Influence of public policies on social dialogue <i>How do public policies and actions promote or constrain bipartite social dialogue? What are the elements that can encourage effective bipartite social dialogue (i.e. legal framework, consultations, etc.)?</i></p>	<p>Chair: Valeria Ronzitti (CEEP)</p> <p>Panel session Jan Dannenbring (ZDH) Viviane Goergen (LCGB) Judit Czuglérné Ivány (MOSZ) Inese Stepina (LDDK)</p> <p>Followed by plenary discussion.</p>
0945 – 1045	<p><i>Theme four – External factors that facilitate social dialogue</i></p> <p>ii) Making the most of available financial support mechanisms <i>What funds are available to support the development of European / national social dialogue? To what extent are they used, jointly and / or separately? What are the principal obstacles? What can the social partners do to better maximise the benefits deriving from them?</i></p>	<p>Chair: Liliane Voložinskis (UEAPME)</p> <p>Presentation – Andrew Chapman (European Commission)</p> <p>Presentation – Cinzia Sechi (ETUC) & Matt Higham (BUSINESSEUROPE)</p> <p>Panel session Terezia Borosne Bartha (MGYOSZ) Patrick Itschert (FSE:THC)</p> <p>Followed by plenary discussion.</p>
1045 – 1100 Coffee Break		
1100 – 1115	“A perspective from the European Commission”	Jean-Paul Tricart, (European Commission)
1115 – 1245	<p><i>Closing Plenary Comments</i></p> <p>The European social dialogue in full swing? <i>Implementing the European social partners’ joint work programme 2009-2010. Immediate and longer-term prospects.</i></p>	<p>Chair: Alan Wild Project expert coordinator</p> <p>Panellists: Philippe de Buck (BUSINESSEUROPE) Maria-Helena André (ETUC) Andrea Benassi (UEAPME) Sophie Thörne (CEEP)</p>
1245 Close and standing lunch		

