

Cooperation agreement

between

the European social partners of the construction industry:
the European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW)
the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC),
and
the European Association of Paritarian Institutions (AEIP)

Whereas the partners to this agreement,

Underline the importance of sectoral industrial relations at EU, national, regional and company level in the construction industry;

Share the conviction that the principle of paritarianism is key for a responsible and efficient development of industrial relations in general and for the organization and management of social protection schemes at sectoral industrial level in particular;

Wish to underline their willingness and commitment to further promote and strengthen industrial relations at EU and national level;

Wish to underline their willingness and commitment to promote and strengthen industrial relations in the construction industry at European level in general and in particular in Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs), whereby they acknowledge and respect the national specificities in establishing, building and managing industrial relations.

Accordingly, the partners to this agreement hereby commit to:

- 1. Intensify their collaboration with a view to further strengthen industrial relations in the construction industry at EU-level**

The EFBWW and FIEC will invite a representative of AEIP, as observer, to all meetings of the European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee of the construction industry (ESSDC construction) and involve AEIP on issues of common interest, linked to the ESSDC of the construction industry with a view to sharing knowledge and expertise. AEIP will provide a positive contribution to the discussions and actions of the ESSDC construction.

AEIP will invite a representative of EFBWW and a representative of FIEC, as observers, to all meetings of its Task Force of the Construction Sector and involve them in issues of common interest with a view to sharing knowledge and expertise.

2. Develop, elaborate and coordinate a long term action plan to strengthen the system of industrial relations in the construction industry in the CEECs

Based on specific needs and at the request of the national sectoral social partners of the construction industry in the CEECs, EFBWW, FIEC and AEIP will develop a long term common action plan, with specific targets and objectives.

The management and implementation of this action plan will be done in a coordinated manner, when needed using the appropriate available EU budget lines.

3. Maintain and update in a structural manner the joint website on the Paritarian Social Funds in the Construction Sector

EFBWW, FIEC and AEIP will jointly develop a shared approach to maintain and update in a structural manner the website on the Paritarian Social Funds in the Construction Sector (www.paritarian-funds-construction.eu), when needed by means of external funding.

4. Strengthen and better coordinate joint research of the European social dimension of the construction industry

EFBWW, FIEC and AEIP will cooperate with a view to strengthening and better coordinating joint research of the European social dimension of the construction industry on issues of common interest. This will be done in the interest of the whole industry and all its relevant stakeholders.

The implementation of this cooperation agreement will be jointly done and monitored by the secretariats of EFBWW, FIEC and AEIP. A joint annual report on its implementation will be presented to the Presidium of EFBWW, to the Steering Committee of FIEC and to the Board of Directors of AEIP. This annual report can include proposals to modify this cooperation agreement.

Any provision of this cooperation agreement may be changed by way of written, mutual consent by all partners.

This cooperation agreement will take effect on 7th November 2017 and is valid for an undetermined period. Each partner can at any moment decide to end this agreement. It will inform the other partners of this decision in a written manner.

Done in Paris, 7th November 2017

President FIEC
Jean-Louis Marchand



President EFBWW
Dietmar Schäfers

*on behalf of
Günter O. Jant.*

President AEIP
Michel Dieu

