

MINUTES

Meeting:	MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
Date:	Thursday, 25 January 2018
Time:	08:30-10:00
Venue:	Hotel Meliá Bilbao – Meeting room Gehry

1. Draft Agenda

The Chair welcomed the attendees and asked all Bureau members whether they had a potential conflict of interest with any of the items to be discussed, in compliance with the Agency's policy on management of conflict of interest. No Bureau member declared any.

CONCLUSION: The draft Agenda was adopted.

2. Draft minutes (G/18/M2)

The draft minutes of the last meeting held on 22 November 2017 were circulated in advance of the meeting. There were no additional comments.

CONCLUSION: The minutes were adopted.

3. Governing Board meeting preparation

The Commission announced that it would provide an update on the following ongoing actions in the Board meeting: the state of the evaluation of the four agencies under DG EMPL, the European Labour Authority, the directives on carcinogens, the request for guidance on prevention of MSDs and psychosocial risks, the peer review exercise and the retirement of the current DG GROW representative at the Board.

The main items discussed at the wrap-up meeting were the Director's Progress Report (DPR), the Healthy Workplaces Campaign 2020-2021 on Musculo-Skeletal Disorders (MSDs), the new proposed campaign cycle, and the Draft Programming Document 2019-2021. Under this last item, the two ex-ante assessments for two new activities were discussed: the EU-OSH information systems and a workers' exposure to dangerous substances.

With regards to the DPR, there were comments made on the new FAST for Focal Points and the selection of Official Campaign Partners (r.t. Board Minutes).

The Chair mentioned he would separate the two issues related to the Healthy Workplaces Campaign.

In relation to the comments made about the HWC 2020-2021 on MSDs please refer to the Board Minutes.

Concerning the proposed Healthy Workplaces Campaign three year cycle, it was concluded that the interest groups need more information to understand the reasoning behind the new cycle proposal before taking a decision on it. Therefore, the Agency agreed to send the comments and proposal in writing and explain it to the OCP and the Focal Points in the meetings happening before June.

As to the Draft PD 2019-2021, the Director explained that the procedure states that it should be sent to the Commission by 31 January and after discussions with the Bureau the final version should be adopted by written procedure by the Board at the end of the year.

The Governments suggested the Agency should prepare a proposal for a pilot for the workers' exposure survey due to resources it would require.

Also the Employers commented on the workers' exposure survey asking the Agency for more information on the methodology and the intended target groups (see Board Minutes). The Agency agreed to provide the requested information in time for a more detailed discussion in June.

The Workers were positive about the new activities.

The Chair requested the interest groups to provide the comments in writing for the Agency to put them together and address them in time for the meeting in June.

The Draft Budget 2019 was agreed by all parties without remarks.

Regarding the new Traineeship Rules it was clarified that the experience so far and the intention with the new rules is to ensure a mutually beneficial arrangement for both the trainee and the Agency. The Commission pointed out that DG HR expressed no problems with the new rules.

The Governments mentioned they would provide the Agency with the written comments from Germany about the ESENER-2 evaluation.

4. Any other business

Focal points' role and guidelines by the Workers

The workers invited the Agency to include the social partners in its survey of focal points.

List of participants

Name	Representing
Kris DE MEESTER	Employers
Rebekah SMITH	Employers
François ENGELS	Employers
Eckhard METZE	Employers
Jesús ALVAREZ	European Commission
Stefan OLSSON	European Commission
Gertrud BREINDL	Government
Renārs LŪSIS	Government
Charlotte SKJOLDAGER	Government
Károly GYÖRGY	Workers
Viktor KEMPA	Workers
Andreas STOIMENIDIS	Workers
Christa SEDLATSCHKE	EU-OSHA
Jesper BEJER	EU-OSHA
William COCKBURN	EU-OSHA
Petya KIRTCHEVA	EU-OSHA
Brenda O'BRIEN	EU-OSHA
Ilaria PICCIOLI	EU-OSHA
Andrew SMITH	EU-OSHA
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