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## **WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SUGAR SECTORAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR 2008**

### **Reform of the sugar regime and social consequences**

The social Partners will follow up the future developments of the current revision of the sugar reform. This implies mutual work in relation to the challenges arising from the initiatives taken by the European institutions as well as mutual information on the restructuring trends, good examples and obstacles.

### **Corporate Social responsibility in the European sugar industry**

The fifth implementation report of the corporate social responsibility Code of Conduct for the year 2007 is planned to be presented at the plenary session of the sugar sectoral committee on 28 February 2008:

- political and economic context (current revision of the sugar reform and potential impact – New EU arrangements with third countries having an impact for the sugar market) ;
- corporate management of the restructuring;
- implementation of the Code of Conduct (communication, standards, examples of good practice).

This report, as well as the new examples of good practice, and the conclusions of the joint plenary meeting, will as usual be introduced on the website [www.eurosugar.org](http://www.eurosugar.org) after the meeting.

The social partners will also develop first reflections on ways for the improvement of employees' employability. This implies that the first steps will focus on the definition of employability and identification of best practices.

### **Major external challenges facing the European sugar industry**

The social partners will continue to assess the developments in relation to the international trade commitments of the European Union which could influence the European sugar industry and produce joint positions if needed. This includes in particular the Economic Partnership Agreements presently negotiated with ACP countries, the current revision of preferential rules of origin, the imports of sugar and sugar mixings and their management.

### **Other business**

Notwithstanding the commitment of CEFS and EFFAT to have this year again a focus on the priorities of their work programme, they agree that unforeseen topical issues may request their collaboration.

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