

WORK PROGRAMME OF THE SUGAR SECTORAL SOCIAL DIALOGUE COMMITTEE FOR 2011

ANNEX 4

Reform of the sugar regime and social consequences

The social Partners will continue to follow up the developments of the new sugar regime as a result of the sugar reform (2006-2009). 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. They will also follow with attention the public debate on the Common Agricultural Policy post 2013 and react if need be.

Corporate Social responsibility in the European sugar industry

The eighth implementation report of the corporate social responsibility Code of Conduct for the year 2010 is planned to be presented at the plenary session of the sugar sectoral committee on Monday 28 February 2011:

- political and economic context;
- corporate management of the restructuring and economic crisis
- Code of Conduct implementation.

All the elements of the report as well as the conclusions of the joint plenary meeting will be introduced on the website www.eurosugar.org after the meeting.

In addition, after publication of the new ISO 26 000 certification providing guidelines for social responsibility, the social partners will reflect on a possible adjustment of the Code of Conduct in the sugar industry.

Employability in the European sugar industry

The social partners will gradually report on the first developments linked to employability in the sugar industry, after the recent introduction of the web based tool on the joint website www.eurosugar.org. At the plenary meeting of February 2011, they will present the new versions of this interactive tool into Italian, Polish and Spanish, in addition to the three existing ones (English, French, German). These new versions will be placed on the joint website.

Major external/internal challenges facing the European sugar industry

The social partners will continue to assess the developments related to the international trade commitments of the European Union which could influence the European sugar industry competitiveness, as well as the developments related to any other EU policy which could have a social impact. They will produce joint positions, joint letters, concerted replies to Commission impact assessments, or conduct concerted action as needed (Bilateral, regional, multilateral agreements, revision of preferential rules of origin, imports of sugar and sugar mixings from ACP and LDCs and their management, non quota exports, EU Emissions Trading System, Reach Regulation implications,...).

Any 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.