



EUROPEAN SOCIAL DIALOGUE; NEW MEMBER STATES AND CANDIDATE COUNTRIES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The social partners of the chemical industry - the European Chemical Employers Group (ECEG) and the European Mine, Chemical and Energy Workers' Federation (EMCEF) - have today moved towards completion of a work programme aimed at building capacity in new member states and candidate countries of the European Union to support Social Dialogue on both the national and European level.

The projects, funded by the European Commission, have been delivered by the International Training Centre of the International Labour Organization (ITCILO) based in Turin. During the projects a series of training courses and workshops have been held which allowed national chemical associations and trade unions to identify objectives and work out detailed delivery plans (supported by ITCILO) in order that they may play a greater role in Social Dialogue in their own countries and on a European basis.

On completion of the projects ECEG and EMCEF have made the following statement:

- 1) The European social partners in the chemical industry **confirm** the importance of effective social dialogue within all European Union Member States - including new member states and candidate countries of the European Union.
- 2) The social partners **pledge** commitment to supporting the national dialogues of new member states and candidate countries of the European Union and the contribution that the dialogues make to the national economic, social and environmental performance of each Member State's economy. This role is especially important during the global economic crisis.
- 3) The social partners **reaffirm** the significance we attach to the participation of new member states and candidate countries of the European Union in the chemical industry's European Social Dialogue, praising the contribution already made and looking forward to future participation in further developing and expanding our Social Dialogue.
- 4) The social partners **call** for a continued and further enhancement of a close working relationship with the ITCILO.

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