



# European conference

**Promoting paritarian social funds in  
Hungary, Poland, Czech Republic and Slovak Republic”**

**the role, impact and advantages of paritarian social funds  
in the construction industry**

**6 – 7 March 2008  
Warsaw (Poland)**

**Organized by the European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW)**

**In cooperation with  
the European Construction Industry Federation (FIEC)  
the European Association of Paritarian Institutions of Social Protection (AEIP)**

**With the support of  
the Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy  
the European Commission  
the French paritarian social fund for the construction industry (PRO BTP)**



# AGENDA OF THE CONFERENCE

*ALL SPEAKERS NEED TO BE CONFIRMED !*

**Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

09.00 – 18.45 Arrival of the guests

All guest must register at the conference registration desk.

19.00 Welcome dinner offered by the French paritarian social fund of the construction industry PRO BTP

09.00 Keynote speeches

Mrs Anna Kalata, Polish Minister of Labour and Social Policy  
Mr. Vladimir Spidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

09.30 **1<sup>st</sup> session:** The merits of paritarian social funds, contributing to a sustainable construction industry

*The aim of this session is to present the added value of paritarian social funds on the one hand regarding the industrial relations between social partners and the other hand the sustainable development of the construction industry. The presentations will highlight the most important achievements of social funds in the construction industry.*

Mr Domenico Pesenti, President EFBWW  
Mr Daniel Tardy, President FIEC

10.15 Coffee Break

10:45 **2<sup>nd</sup> session:** The legal and regulatory and conventional framework in which the paritarian social funds are fulfilling their tasks.

Prof. Yves Stevens, KU Leuven  
Followed by questions and Answers

11:45 **3<sup>rd</sup> session:** The role of the financial sector as a silent partner behind the paritarian social funds

Mr Koen de Ruyck, PRAGMA Consulting  
Followed by questions and Answers

12.30 Lunch

14:00 **4<sup>th</sup> session:** Sharing best practice. How do paritarian funds operate today in the different areas such as vocational training, occupational pension funds and health and safety at the work place?

*In three panels, the speakers will share information on the financial and organisational structure, the paritarian management procedures, the instruments developed by paritarian organisations and the place and the role of the social funds in paritarian industrial relations and sectoral negotiations. The speakers will deliberate in 15 minutes about their respective organisations. The panels are followed by questions and answers*

**Panel 1 chaired by Mr Ulrich Paetzold, FIEC:** Paritarian organisations active in vocational training - Examples from Belgium, Denmark and Italy

Mr. Jos Gijbels, FVB-FFC (Belgium)  
Mr. xxx, Xx (Denmark)  
Mr. xxx, FORM EDIL (Italy)

15:30 Coffee Break

16:00 **Panel 2 chaired by Mr Bruno Gabellieri, AEIP:** Occupational pension funds  
Examples from the UK, (Germany), Ireland and France

Mr. Brian Griffiths, B&CE (UK)  
Mr. Pat Ferguson, CWPS (Ireland)  
Mr. Jean Marc Lamère, PRO BTP (France)

17.30 Synthesis and conclusions of the first day

18.00 End of 1<sup>st</sup> day's conference by the Chair

19.00 Dinner offered by Mrs Anna Kalata, Polish Minister of Labour and Social Policy

09:00 **4<sup>th</sup> session:** Examples from the real world. How do paritarian funds operate today in the different areas such as vocational training, occupational pension funds and health and safety at the work place:

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**Panel 3 chaired by Uli Bamberg, KAN:** Paritarian organisations active in the area of health and safety at the work place - Examples from Finland, (Germany), Spain and the Netherlands

Mr. Kalevi Hemilä (Finland)  
(Ms/Mr? . BG Bau (Germany))  
Mr. Enrique Corral (Spain)  
Mr. XX, ARBOUW (the Netherlands)

10:00 Coffee Break

10:30 **5<sup>th</sup> session:** The relation between the public authorities and the paritarian funds and challenges of cross-border cooperation

SLIC-representative

11:00 **6<sup>th</sup> session:** Looking into the future some challenges have to be overcome. Position and - eventual future actions of the national social partners of the construction industry of Poland and Czech Republic.

*Presentations by:*

Mr xx  
(on behalf of the Polish social partners of the construction industry )  
Mr xx  
(on behalf of the Czech social partners of the construction industry)  
Mr xx  
(on behalf of the Slovak social partners of the construction industry)  
Mr xx  
(on behalf of the Hungarian social partners of the construction industry)

12:30 Lunch

14.00 **7<sup>th</sup> session:** Evaluation of the conference

Mr Yves Jorens,  
University of Ghent

15.00 Concluding remarks and farewell to the participants

Mr Domenico Pesenti  
President of the EFBWW  
Mr Daniel Tardy  
President of FIEC  
Mr Jacques Brossard  
President of AEIP

16.00 End of conference