

INFOPOINT Workshop:

**"One year after the adoption of the new EWC directive (2009/38/EC) -
discussion on legal issues"**

27 May 2010

***Place: International Trade Union House, 1st floor, room B,
5 Boulevard du Roi Albert II, 1210 Brussels***

Draft Agenda

Thursday 27 May 2010

08h30 – 09h00

Arrival and Registration of Participants

Part I: The state of play of the transposition process

09h00 – 09h10

Welcoming comments and introduction to the workshop *Claudio Stanzani, Managing Director of SDA*

09h10 – 09h25

The new EWC directive: expectations and concerns of ETUC with respect to the transposition of the recast EWC Directive
Catelene Passchier, ETUC Confederal Secretary

09h25 – 09h50

The support of the European Commission to the transposition process: current activities and state of play
Evelyne Pichot, European Commission

09h50 – 10h20:

The support of ETUC to the transposition of the recast directive: current ETUC activities and positions
Séverine Picard, ETUC legal advisor

10h20 – 10h45

Question and Answers by participants on previous presentations

10h45 – 11h00

Coffee break

Part II: Round Tables on crucial transposition issues

11h00 – 11h30

Introductory lecture:

The recast EWC directive and the open doors to the national transposition: crucial issues for the transposition

Filip Dorsemont, UCL

11h30 – 12h30

Session 1

The competence of European works councils

Transnationality and articulation of competences among different levels of representation of workers' interests

Interventions by M. Rachid Brihi,

Round table followed by a discussion

12h30-14h00

Lunch break

14h00–15h30

Session 2

Ensuring the functioning and the role of EWCs

The establishment of SNBs; means for worker representatives; role of social partners; obstacles and remedies for full-fledged EWCs

Interventions by Dr. Volker Telljohann, IRES Emilia-Romagna

Round table followed by a discussion

15h30-15h50

Coffee break

15h50-16h50

Session 3

Adaptation clause and impact on existing agreements

Clarifications on the adaptation clause and the impact of the recast directive on existing agreements

Interventions by Prof. Gianni Arrigo ...

Round table followed by a discussion

Part III: Concluding Session

16h50-17h30

Final discussion and conclusions for the transposition of the new EWC directive

Catelene Passchier, ETUC

Claudio Stanzani, SDA

Filip Dorsemont, UCL

17h30

Departure of participants