

“Follow up of Decentralised Thematic Social Dialogue for the Construction Industry” (“DESOCO 2”)

Social Dialogue project

Brief description and main aims:

The European Social partners of the construction industry, FIEC and the European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW) have established one of the first European Sectoral Social Dialogue Committees. Over the years, both organisations have continuously re-affirmed their long-term commitment to develop sustainable industrial relations.

General objectives of the project are to:

- promote the European Social Dialogue at national level, while at the same time encouraging national social partners, especially from the Central and Eastern European Countries (CEECs), to be more involved in the European Social Dialogue of the construction industry.
- continue reinforcing the capacity of national social partners to engage in social dialogue
- strengthen involvement of social partners in EU policy making;
- discuss the social and economic challenges which will determine the future construction labour market.

During 2 years FIEC and EFBWW will organise 4 thematic meetings.

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

In 2017, EFBWW and FIEC, together with AEIP, agreed on a long-term cooperation agreement. Social partners committed “*to intensify their collaboration with a view to further strengthen industrial relation in the construction industry at EU-level*”. In addition, EFBWW and FIEC committed themselves to strengthen, reinforce and promote industrial relations in the construction industry at all levels as well as better coordinate joint research of the European social dimension of the construction industry.

One specific element of the cooperation agreement is that the partners will make better use of the existing EU budget lines related to “industrial relations and social dialogue”, with regards to initiatives targeting Central and East European Countries (CEECs).

Actions and key dates:

June 2023 – start of the project

14-15 November 2023 – first thematic workshop in Warsaw on Reconstruction of Ukraine

24-25 April 2024 – second thematic workshop in Vilnius on digitalisation in construction

14 November 2024 – third thematic workshop in Bucarest on labour and skills shortages in the construction sector