



Social Dialogue in the Urban Public Transport Sector in Central and Eastern European Countries



→ What is this project about?

The social dialogue at European level plays an essential role in advancing the European social model, delivering benefits for employers, workers and for the economy and society as a whole. With this initiative, the European social partners for urban public transport, the International Association for Public Transport (UITP) and the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF), endeavor to promote the European Social Dialogue and discuss its functioning and outcome with the social partners in selected countries of Central and Eastern Europe. At the same time those activities should enable the European social partners to gain knowledge about the functioning and the activities of the social dialogue in those countries.

→ What happens in this project?

The social partners UITP and ETF invite urban public transport companies and unions to participate in a fact-finding mission and workshop.

In the **fact-finding missions** UITP and ETF wish to discuss industrial relations in urban public transport with the country's companies and unions.

In the **workshops**, the company and union representatives of the countries involved will help identify suitable practical examples, discuss the results of European social dialogue, and analyse the opportunities and risks of work through social partnership.

→ Result of the project

There will be a report that describes the social models in the countries in UPT and illustrates the possibilities of European social dialogue.

→ What are the benefits for the companies and trade unions?

- Developing contacts at European level (ETF, UITP, EU Institutions and others) and better understanding the EU initiatives;
- Meeting with representatives from other cities and/or countries;
- Being part of this project and mentioned in the study;
- Exchanging information on social dialogue structures at different levels (local, national, European);
- Discussing possible good practices with representatives from other cities and countries;
- Being better involved into European Social Dialogue.

➔ How can I get involved?

Fact-finding missions

27 April 2018, Sofia

Social partners of the UPT from Sofia, Plovdiv, Varna and Burgas

Languages: Bulgarian, English

29 May 2018, Prague

Social partners of the UPT from Prague, Brno, Ostrava and Plzn

Languages: Czech, English

6 June 2018, Warsaw

Social partners of the UPT from Warsaw, Krakow, Gdansk, Poznan and Katowice

Languages: Polish, English

Workshops

2–3 October 2018, Sofia

Social partners of the UPT from Bulgaria, Slovenia, Croatia, Serbia

Languages: Bulgarian, Serbo-Croatian, English

6–7 November 2018, Prague

Social partners of the UPT from the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary and Romania

Languages: Czech-Slovak, Hungarian, Romanian, English

30–31 Januar 2019, Warsaw

Social partners of the UPT from Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia

Languages: Polish, Lithuanian, Latvian, Estonian, English

European social dialogue:

Social dialogue is a basic component of the European social model that has been extensively recognised in the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union. The social partners (employers and employee representatives) can thus play an active role in shaping European social policy.

➔ Costs

The project is financially supported by the EU. Participation is free of charge. Travel expenses are reimbursed.

➔ Contact

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