

ECR – ETF work programme for the period 2014 – 2015

For the period 2014 – 2015 the ECR and the ETF will endeavour to work on the following priority areas centred on the key interests of the two organisations, namely enforcement of law and the eradication of social and road transport fraud in the sector:

PRIORITY 1/ Setting the base for a joint ETF – ECR cooperation at European level;

This priority area focuses on getting familiar with the cultures and specificity of the two organisations, a key prerequisite for a sound, long-term cooperation.

PRIORITY 2/ Stimulating inter-ministerial cooperation, contributing to the establishment and promotion of multidisciplinary controls in road transport;

Via this priority area, the ECR and the ETF will envisage to stimulate the cooperation – at national and/or cross-border levels - between ministries of the EU Member States with respect to the enforcement of both social and road transport legislation. This priority area stems from the joint ECR – ETF belief that cooperation between ministries of transport and ministries of labour for instance is essential in eliminating social fraud as well as infringements of road transport rules.

PRIORITY 3/ Identifying common ECR – ETF points of interest in the EU legal frame applicable to road transport;

This priority will consist in ‘scanning’ Regulation (EC) No 561/2006 and the road package and in developing a list of key aspects the ETF and ECR need to work on, in order to come up with a joint understanding and with practical enforcement solutions. The list could include, for instance, topics such as the Guidance note no. 7, or the pay by kilometre (both referring to Regulation (EC) No 561/2006).

PRIORITY 4/ Effectively working on the common points identified under PRIORITY 3 with the view to come up with a joint understanding (driver’s and enforcer’s perspective) and concrete enforcement possibilities;

This priority area will consist in exchanging experience and views on the interpretation and enforcement solutions on the aspects identified under PRIORITY 3.

PRIORITY 5 / Establishment of an ECR – ETF complaint desk;

This priority will consist in creating a web-tool where drivers can report irregularities related to controls, the functioning of the digital tachograph, etc. The exact scope of this priority is to be further discussed between the two organisations. Once the complaint desk is functional, the ETF and its affiliated members will be in charge of promoting it amongst members and also non-unionised drivers.