

Declaration of Intent Between ECR and ETF



A Public/ Private Partnership for Better Regulatory Compliance, Greater Road Safety and Security as well as a Driver Friendly Operating Environment for Commercial Road Transport.

Signed between the European Transport Workers' Federation (ETF) and Euro Contrôle Route (ECR) as representatives of the EU enforcement communities and European Transport Workers' Federation, representing the drivers of the European transport sector, hereinafter called 'The Parties'.

Considering that:

The parties see the need to join forces and work together to establish a common EU enforcement environment to complement the common regulatory framework for road transport in the EU. The current fragmentation of the EU into country- specific, or even regional, enforcement areas to some extent undermines the efficient functioning of the EU regulatory framework to achieve fair labour conditions and competition and road safety objectives.

By working together, the Parties can effectively contribute to improve standards of regulatory compliance, enhanced road safety, more efficient and new contemporary ways of controls/supervision and a better operating environment for both enforcement officers and transport industry workers.

As such, there is a need to develop constructive dialogue between the enforcement bodies and drivers at all levels. Such dialogue should be founded on the principle that both parties have a joint stake in improving the efficiency of controls and that regular consultation, institutionalized dialogue and joint initiatives are needed to ensure the achievement of these goals.

The Parties as such decided to conclude the present declaration of intent, focusing on the following priority areas:

Work together for improved, simplified, fair applicable and enforceable legislation as well as towards common approached, harmonized legal interpretations, efficient enforcement procedures, training and education.

Annually, based on the priority areas mentioned, the Parties decide on an agreed work plan for the coming year, starting with the work plan for 2015. The results of the work plan are evaluated at an annual ECR-ETF meeting.

The intention:

Taking into account everyone's tasks and leaving ensuing responsibilities intact, the parties declare themselves willing to enter into a suitable cooperation as foreseen in the present declaration.

The parties in the present cooperation will evaluate the way in which the present arrangement has worked in practice at regular intervals, but at least during the annual ECR-ETF meeting.

This document enters into force upon the date of signature and will be reviewed three years after the signing date or sooner if considered by either party.

Signed March 4th 2015, Brussels

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