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EUROPEAN SOCIAL PARTNERS LAUNCH NEGOTIATIONS ON WORKING TIME

European social partners sent a joint letter to Commissioner László Andor informing him that further to the Commission consultation on reviewing the working time directive they will open negotiations.

The aim of the negotiations will be to conclude an agreement, to be implemented by Council decision in accordance with Article 155 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

The first negotiation meeting is scheduled for 8 December 2011. Should the European social partners be able to conclude these negotiations within the nine month period foreseen by the Treaty, they would inform the Commission of the results achieved at the beginning of September 2012.

The joint letter was signed by Philippe de Buck, Director General (BUSINESSEUROPE); Bernadette Ségol, General Secretary (ETUC); Ralf Resch, General Secretary (CEEP) and Andrea Benassi, Secretary General (UEAPME).

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