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**A Meeting of the EFFC Officers held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 from  
15:00 – 17:00 BST, 16:00 – 18:00 CET**

### **Contact Report**

#### **Present on call**

- Andreas Körbler
- Serge Borel
- José Candela Gonzalez
- Fabrizio Michele Leoni
- Boris von Luebtow
- Bob Thompson
- Ciaran Jennings
- Isabel Jennings

#### **Rig Operator License**

FIEC have agreed to talk about this as part of SOC-1. They have asked that we present to a group of Trade Unions (“social partners”) so that they can assess the project and whether they would like to commit. It was noted that Jaap would like to run a workshop with the Officers so that they can finalise the presentation together. It was agreed that Jaap circulate his draft presentation so that the Officers can come to the table with ideas formulated.

Ciaran explained that for any work to be taken on by Europe it needs to be formally adopted by FIEC and their various stakeholders. In the latest FIEC meeting it was noted that the Trade Unions were wary of the project and wanted further details.

This is a process to try and obtain EU funding, if this fails then we may have to do this from the bottom up.

[Actions - IJ: Organise meeting and circulate Jaap's presentation template]

[Actions - CJ: Ask whether Christine can also join and provide information on issues we need to address]

#### **Hungarian Foreign License requirements**

They have changed their recognition process from 700 license/qualifications to about 300. At the moment they are extremely under-staffed and the industry is suffering. Bob commented that the EFFC would need to tread carefully and try to better understand the current political issues in Hungary.

[Actions - CJ: AK to approach Gabor Makkos and CJ top organise a meeting to better understand the letter requirements]

### **DFI-EFFC Conference Berlin 2022**

Isabel has circulated the mega-project invitations for the Officers to circulate accordingly. Ciaran contacted Theresa and asked about postponing the conference due to ongoing covid-19 issues. Theresa has commented that she doesn't want to postpone anything yet but will revisit this in September. Andreas noted that the planning is on schedule and the conference should be good to take place in May.

Ciaran asked whether the Officers have made any progress in approaching the mega-projects. Serge noted that he is trying to find the right person to approach within Grand Paris.

[Actions - IJ: re-circulate the letter & a refresher on who has agreed to contact which projects]

### **Working Platform Guide**

Ciaran noted that the EFFC had asked Jim de Waele to pull together a guide on the creation of working platforms. At the end of the project the DFI approached the EFFC in order to make it a co-project and produced a joint document. The first edition was published. The DFI are interested in carrying out some further research on validation of the working platforms.

Chris Harnan believes there is conflict between Jim and Peter Faust, who is organising things on the American side. It is believed that the conflict is on the research that the DFI want to propose. The DFI have not approved the concept themselves but Jim does not feel the work is necessary as there is already ongoing work happening in Keller and a few German universities. Chris has suggested that everyone should all get on a call [Jim, Andi, Chris, Peter and Ciaran] to make sure that the DFI & EFFC are aligned on this project.

Chris is worried that falling out within the Working Platforms group might have knock on effects on the Tremie Guide. Bob noted that they should try and leave Jim and Peter to sort it out before we wade in. Andi noted that he would informally approach Jim and see what is happening with this.

Serge agreed with Jim noting that we should understand the specifics before starting to do the research. Need to be very specific on what outcomes we want from the funded research.

[Action - AK: call Jim to understand the issue]

### **EFFC Strategy document**

Ciaran explained that he has made the changes discussed at the last meeting. Ciaran proposed that, once finalised, the document be sent to the Executive committee. Ciaran suggested that he create a shorter version to share at the Executive for comment. This will then be formally reviewed by the Executive and adopted in October.

Bob asked why the group needs to have a long (46 slide) presentation and a shorter one? Ciaran commented that having a longer document helps to create context for people who are coming to the EFFC fresh. It was noted the strategy needs to be simple, easy to explain to quickly engage people and gain their commitment.

Ciaran noted that he has added a brief executive summary, scene setter slides and more WG information. Ciaran suggested that after the Executive meeting we ask the National Federations to provide information on the size of their industry. The members would provide their turnover information, membership numbers etc. Boris commented that having absolute numbers would be better because the % makes us look small. Include total number of members, companies and the market figures. Add a slide of NF logos [Action - CJ]

Slide 5: Change Lobbying against poor contracting behaviours.

Slide 12: Bring the EFFC priorities forward so that they are in order. Bob noted that safety in the workplace is fundamental. Ciaran asked if we should we be asking members to commit to a non-compete on issues of safety within their federations. BT commented that non-competition is a good thing but not sure that people understand what is meant by this. An issue what we have had in the past is sharing accident data so we can share learnings. Even if we aren't aggregating at EFFC level it might help NF's to collaborate within themselves. BT wasn't sure that many companies compete on safety.

José felt that referencing to market conditions is a mistake because we want to modify and act within the industry. We want to push and point out safety, quality and contracting conditions. Remove the word market. Serge agreed and noted that business might be better so that we can show that we are not just a scientific and technical organisation.

Bob suggested that the 3 areas of focus change to H&S, Sustainability and Quality. If we as an industry want to progress these are the topics that we need to work on. It was agreed to restructure the deck to show how we are tackling these key areas of focus. This should allow for fewer slides.

Agreed for Ciaran to present on the executive summary slides/ Add more focus on safety. It was agreed that we give the document an hour of discussion. Talk about the issues and then come back with any comments/changes. BT don't call it not competing on health and safety as we do to a point. Be more specific and say share safety experiences for mutual gain. More altruistic. Not asking to do the impossible but asking for people to at least do the possible.