Climate Change: An opportunity for social cooperation

29-30 March 2011

Conference organised by the European Trade Union Institute (ETUI)

Venue: Hotel Crown Plaza Brussels, Le Palace Rue Gineste 3, 1210 Brussels

Draft programme

Tuesday 29 March

08.00 – 09.00 Registration and coffee

09.00 – 12.50 Using carbon markets and green taxation to tackle climate change

Chair: Philippe Pochet, General Director ETUI

Goals and (poor) achievements in reducing emissions in the EU context Bela Galgoczi, ETUI

Energy and low-carbon policies for a sustainable new deal for Europe: An ETUC Perspective Anne Panneels, European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC)

Environmental fiscal reform in Europe: research, experience and best practice Jacqueline Cottrell, Project manager, environmental consultant, Forum Ökologisch-Soziale

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

Priorities for renewable energies and energy efficiency technologies by 2020 Stefan Lechtenböhmer, Wuppertal Institute (TBC)

La fiscalité carbone comme politique sociale (Carbon taxation as social policy) Emmanuel Combet, International Research Centre on Environment and Development, France

The function of carbon markets Sophie Closson, JI/CDM Team of the Climate Change Section

Comments Andrew Watt, ETUI



14.00 – 17.20 EU climate policies and strategies for a sustainable economy - Challenges and opportunities for industrial climate policies

Towards a European industrial policy

NN, Sustainable Industrial Policy, DG Enterprise and Industry European Commission (TBC)

Elisabeth Schroedter, Member of European Parliament

15.30 – 15.50 Coffee break

The challenge for the automotive industry

Sabine Trier, European Transport Workers Federation (ETF), Deputy General Secretary

The challenge of climate change for public services

Jan Willem Goudriaan, European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), Deputy General Secretary

Energy Intensive industries

Judith Kirton-Darling, European Metalworkers' Federation (EMF)

Buildings and Construction

Aleksi Kuusisto, European Federation of Building and Woodworkers (EFBWW)

Wednesday 30 March

09.00 – 12.30 Integrating social and environmental issues: The importance of developing alliances

BlueGreen Alliance US: How to improve trade unions' cooperation

Margrete Strand Rangnes, BlueGreen Aliiance Deputy Director

NN, (TBC)

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee break

The role of the social partners in the transition towards a green economy Christine Aumayr, Eurofound

Collective bargaining and climate change

Bruno Estrada, Coordinator of the TURI project 'Social partners and climate change' Begoña Maria Torres-Gil, Energy & climate change coordinator, ISTAS

Concluding remarks

Laurent Vogel, ETUI, Health & Safety Department, Director

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch – Departure

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