

Publication of information about beneficiaries of funds under shared management

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Type of organization

European Trade Union Federation

Level of representation

European

Introduction

The European Metalworkers Federation (EMF) intends, in the context of its responsibilities and prerogatives, to submit a contribution to the public consultation launched with the Green Paper entitled "European Transparency Initiative" (COM(2006) 194 final).

The European Metalworkers Federation (EMF)

The EMF is the representative body defending the interests of workers in the European metalworking industry.

The EMF is the umbrella organisation representing 68 metalworkers' unions from 31 countries with a combined total of 6.5 million affiliates. In 1971 the EMF was established as the European body representing metalworkers' unions throughout Europe.

The EMF acts on behalf of representative metalworkers' unions from many of the EU member states as well as from Bulgaria, Kosovo, Macedonia, Rumania, Slovenia, Turkey, Norway, Iceland, Croatia, Serbia and Switzerland. The EMF is therefore the representative body defending the interests of workers in the European metal industry.

According to its Statutes, the EMF has a mandate for the external representation and coordination of the metalworkers' unions. On the basis of those Statutes and the Executive Committee's decisions the EMF can also coordinate and initiate cross-border trade union actions. In addition to this, in principle it also has a mandate to engage in bargaining at European level.

One of the EMF's main aims is the deepening of the social dimension in the process of European integration. The EMF contributes to it by representing the economic and social interests of workers in the metal industry at European level.

The EMF is one of the European social partners and is recognised by the European Union, the Council of Europe and the EFTA as a representative multi-sector trade union organisation at European level. Therefore the EMF is not a lobbyist but rather a political actor.

IV. DISCLOSURE OF BENEFICIARIES OF COMMUNITY FUNDS

The EMF is non-profit organisation and is not involved in economic- or business activities in a commercial point of view.

Questions:

- *Do you agree that it is desirable to introduce, at Community level, an obligation for Member States to make available information on beneficiaries of EU funds under shared management?*

- *If so, what information should be required at national level? What would be the best means to make this information available (degree of information required, period covered and preferred medium)?*

The EMF agrees that it is desirable to introduce, at Community level, an obligation for Member States to provide information on beneficiaries of Community funds.

On a national level each Member State should be able to provide, upon request, a report, annual or otherwise, on the funds granted within the nation. The report should contain full information concerning the name and address of the beneficiary, the title of the action funded, the amount of the subsidy and the financing percentage. There should also be a statement concerning the success of the funded activity, its result and impact.