

Work Programme: Social Dialogue Footwear 2023 - 2024

| Topic | Action | Timeline |
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| Economic, social and political instabilities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor the impacts of the invasion of Ukraine, high inflation, scarcity of materials and potential new COVID waves on the sector (e.g. consumption, production costs, etc.) Engage in lobbying at national and European level to ensure that the sector remains resilient while facing the aforementioned global challenges. Encourage strong social dialogue and local agreements (when necessary). | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2023-2024</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |
| Industrial policy | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to follow relevant key EU files. Monitor the implementation of the EU Strategy for Sustainable Textiles including the relevant legislative proposals while analysing the potential impact on the footwear industry. Collaborate on the EU textiles ecosystem transition pathway. Develop joint statements as needed. | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2023-2024</p> <p>2023</p> <p>2023 - 2024</p> |
| Circular economy, environment, and social dimensions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow relevant EU files including the upcoming EU Waste and Packaging Directive, Ecodesign for Sustainable Products Regulation, and the relevant files in the forthcoming Circular Economy Package II. Pursue dialogue with EU institutions and national governments regarding the EU Deforestation Regulation's final approval with the objective to postpone its application to leather, hides and skins during the first two years of its implementation. | <p>2023-2024</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |
| Trade | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue to monitor EU trade agreements including negotiations. Continue to follow the review of the EU's Generalised Scheme of Preferences, with follow-up action to the previous joint position if needed. | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |

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| <p>Due diligence</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to engage with EU policy makers on the <i>EU’s Directive on Corporate Sustainable Due Diligence.</i> • Review the European Commission’s proposal for <i>EU Regulation prohibiting products made with forced labour</i> and engage with EU policy makers. • Draft joint statements as required. • Possible joint project to achieve the goals. | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2023-2024</p> <p>2023-2024</p> |
| <p>Skills</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue joint engagement with the <i>EU Pact for Skills</i> for the TCLF sectors. • Support the TCLF sectors’ education towards a more digital and circular ecosystem→ possible Erasmus+ project. | <p>Ongoing</p> <p>2023-2024</p> |
| <p>Social dialogue</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete the current EU social dialogue project <i>“Ensuring a Sustainable Future for the South-Eastern European TCLF industries” (SEE TCLF).</i> • Support national affiliates in implementing their national action plans drafted as part of the SEE TCLF project with the aim to increase the capacity of social partners. • Continue to implement the follow-up actions identified in the previous social dialogue project <i>“Implementing best practices to increase the attractiveness of the footwear sector”.</i> | <p>2023</p> <p>2023 – 2024</p> <p>Ongoing</p> |