
PRESS RELEASE

On 31 January 2006, representatives of CEEMET, the Council of European Employers of the Metal, Engineering and Technology-based industries, and EMF, the European Metalworkers' Federation held a first meeting of its permanent Working Group in Brussels. The CEEMET-EMF Working Group, which is composed of high level representatives from 9 European countries, agreed to discuss "competitiveness and employment" and "education and training" over the next 2 years.

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Attached you will find the Mandate for this permanent working group.

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CEEMET represents the interest of employers' organisations in the metal, engineering and technology-based industries in 19 countries with a particular focus on social policy issues. Their member organisations currently represent around 200,000 companies, employing some 12 million people.

EMF is the umbrella organisation representing 69 metalworkers' unions from 32 countries with a combined total of 6.5 million affiliates. EMF acts on behalf of representative metalworkers' unions from all the Member States of the European Union as well as from other European countries.