

## EMF Week

**Date:** October 25-27 2006

**Place of venue:** Stockholm

### Summary

Peter Scherrer summarised the three days as follows.

#### Social Dialogue

In Social Dialogue the EMF must support the creation of a strong counterpart and sub-sectoral Social Dialogue is also an important part of this work. Even if there are no half-way results and agreements it is worth to continue with developing relationships and a good atmosphere. Exchange and consultation are prioritised work areas in Social Dialogue.

Setting the priority on the subsectoral social dialogue has proven to be effective and even if we have now a sectoral social dialogue with CEEMET we need to continue also on the subsectoral level.

Even if the Commission is considering the possibility to negotiate as an integral and important part of the social dialogue, we need to stress that there are still many differences between social dialogue and collective bargaining. The Commission has to accept and respect that industrial policy matters are of equal validity inside social dialogue.

We need a good coordination of the three main policy domains of the EMF inside the social dialogue together with a good and close link to the appropriate sector committees.

#### Relocation

Relocation is as such not such a big problem if looked at from a statistical perspective. The absolute numbers involved are not extremely high, much less in fact than the figures for the complete problem of restructuring, but they are highly visible.

In relocation dramatic effects for our workers and members are to be expected, often also for whole regions. Therefore allocating resources for relocation is vital. The role for the EMF is among other things cooperation and coordination. This has already increased but at the same time the EMF has to improve further the level of cooperation, in particular at

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multinational company level. Relocation means job losses in one region, but job creation in another.

The EMF demands an active European labour market policy. The EMF must aim at ensuring decent work conditions and wages, basic trade union rights in the countries receiving the new job creation possibilities. Trade unions when negotiating accompanying measures when discussing relocation should ensure, together with the trade unions from the receiving countries, that the jobs that are relocated are stable and secure jobs.