

Facilitating professional mobility

- *The objective of the Services Directive of 12 December 2006 is to create a real internal services market for January 2009. In order to gain full benefit, the free circulation of machines in Europe must be real and effective, which is currently not the case due to the many obstacles.*
- *In a survey conducted in 2007/2008, CEETTAR identified at least 3 major problem areas.*
 - *The approval of tractors*
 - *Agricultural machinery*
 - *Driving licenses*

CEETTAR intends to:

- Assess and analyse the various European directives and national regulations governing the use and driving of agricultural vehicles (follow-up of the above-mentioned survey)
- Attempt to harmonise the disparate practices encountered across the Member States
- Assess the wide range of regulations and practices affecting the driving of agricultural vehicles in the various Member States, which certainly represent an obstacle to mobility.
- To a certain extent, the Services Directive, which enters into force in 2009, may prove an asset but may also heighten unfair competition.
- It will also be necessary to “moralise” the market.
- Demonstrate that the rural contractor sector is rapidly developing in the established Member States, under construction in others and non-existent in most of the new Member States that joined the EU in 2004.
- Confirm once again that the rural services sector creates new employment opportunities (with an annual growth of 5-7 %)

Objectives:

- **CEETTAR intends to**
- Identify obstacles to professional mobility within the sector and the various Member States, particularly in countries where activities are highly structured or only now becoming structured.

- Remove obstacles by means of long-term solutions (obstacles that can be influenced by the social partners)
- Analyse the application of the Services Directive within the sector, with regard to current practices.
- Develop and promote an agreement between social partners in order to organise professional and geographical mobility, taking account of the constraints affecting mobility, as highlighted during the “identification” phase
- Enable the evaluation of the “transposition” of this European agreement by the social partners of the Member States.

Conclusions

The conclusions of this initiative are expected during and after 2009 by means of:

- Collection and analysis of the necessary information, feedback and subsequent decisions.
- The sharing of information and experiences between the member organisations.
- The identification of enterprises wishing to invest in an experimental project concerning the reception of migrant workers.
- Analysis of the general expert report by the management committee in order to finalise decisions according to the situation.
- Conclusion of a draft agreement between the social partners.