The European Employee Network Agricultual Machinery:

Results and prospects

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Focus of activities 2008 - 2010

- Transnational workshops
 - Vienna, April 2008
 - Frankfurt a.M., September 2008
 - Madrid, December 2009
 - Prague, February 2010
- Country visits
 - Hungary
 - Poland
- Information exchange
 - Sector reports
 - Country backgrounds of IR
 - Company profiles
- English website
- Joint positions/statements
 - Frankfurt Statement, September 2009

Transnational workshops and visits

Positive:

- Getting known to each other
- Exchanging information
- Building trust
- Developing ideas and orientations

Weaknesses:

- One-time event before and after problem
- Languages and costs
- Follow-up and active involvement of all partners
- Shared responsibilities and tasks

Information gathering and exchange

- Sector reports
- Country background information
- Company profiles and data sheets

Phase I:

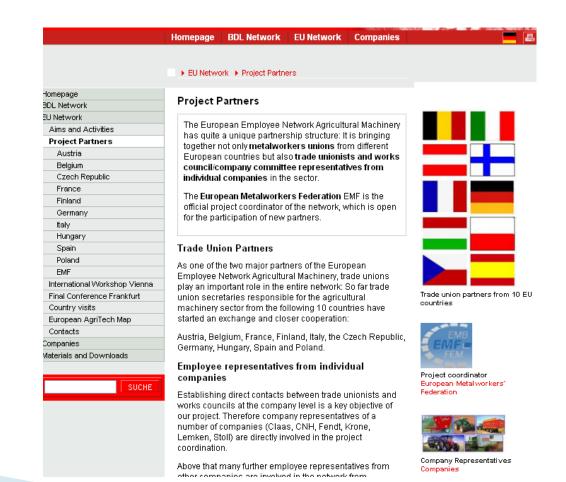
- Structure developed
- First reports prepared and exchanged
- Website implemented

Phase II:

- More reports
- Updating

Using the website for networking

- Is nice and very impressive to outsiders
- But absorbs <u>many</u> resources
- Usage clearly very limited
- More a "business card" than a resource, information and communication platform
- Not to be compared to the website of the German works council network



Developing common positions and strategies

- The project was quite successful
 - Frankfurt statement and Brussels declaration
- But how to improve the lobby-character that was demanded in Madrid?
- Role of the EMF

Prospects

- Continuing the network
 - Why?
 - How?
- Topics and focus
 - Developing the right instruments for the present situation?
 - Thinking and working for the future?
 - Qualification needs?
 - Company centred activities?
- Concrete steps
 - Funding
 - Responsibilities