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COMMUNICATION ON ENGAGEMENT (COE)

CECIMO European Association of the Machine Tool Industries

Period covered by this Communication on Engagement

From: December 2015

To: December 2017

Part I. Statement of Continued Support by the Chief Executive or Equivalent

13.12.2017

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that CECIMO, the European Association of the Machine Tool Industries reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to advance these principles within our sphere of influence, and we will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to take part in the activities of the UN Global Compact where appropriate and feasible – through, for instance participation in networks at European level; involvement in specialized initiatives and work streams; engagement in partnership projects; and reviewing commentary to participating companies on their Communications on Progress.

CECIMO is already engaged in activities linked to the ten principles of the UN Global Compact. We believe that our participation in the UN Global Compact will foster our socially responsible initiatives and add further value to sustainable development at global level.

In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours.

Sincerely yours,

Filip Geerts
Director General
CECIMO



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Part II. Description of Actions



METALS – Machine Tool Alliance for Skills, CECIMO Coordinator:

Machine Tool Alliance for Skills aims at providing machine tool builders with the sought-after applied skills they need in line with disruptive technologies in the advanced manufacturing sector. METALS is a three-year project inaugurated under the EU's Erasmus+ Sector Skills Alliance initiative, designed to promote education-industry partnerships at European-level within a specific sector of the economy.

By bringing together partners from education and industry across Europe, METALS is expected to improve the sector's labour market intelligence. It will provide policy-makers with the sectorial insights they need to design policies and programmes boosting the competitiveness of European machine tool companies and the employability of its workforce. Throughout the initiative, the consortium will also organize skills workshops in Germany, Spain and Italy with the participation of relevant stakeholders.

www.metalsalliance.eu



Blue Competence Machine Tools, operated by CECIMO:

The Blue Competence initiative was originally launched in 2009 for the entire mechanical engineering sector. CECIMO is operating the initiative at European level for the machine tool sector. Originally the main focus of the Blue Competence initiative was energy efficiency and environmental sustainability, helping the machine tool sector to increase awareness about these aspects. As from 2018, the scope of the initiative will be broadened to corporate social responsibility embracing not only environmental but also economic and social sustainability. To participate in the initiative, machine tools companies must adhere to 12 principles covering four dimensions: strategical, operational, cultural and communicative. By meeting these principles, participating machine tools companies show customers their commitment to sustainability, increase their competitiveness and boost their corporate image.

<http://www.cecimo.eu/site/blue-competence-mt/blue-competence-mt/>



3D PRISM – 3D Printing Skills for Manufacturing, CECIMO Partner:

3D Prism is an EU funded project on 3d printing skills for manufacturing. The 3DPRISM project, funded by Erasmus+, is led by the University of Sheffield Advanced Manufacturing Research Centre, in partnership with Florida Universitaria, CECIMO, Exelia and Cimea. The 3DPrism initiative, aims to improve the quality of VET by linking training provision with the needs of industry. The initiative aims at tackling this challenge by enhancing VET provision so as to equip technicians & operators with sought-after skills, with outputs that emphasise on the applied aspects of 3D printing.

www.3dprism.eu



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Part III. Measurement of Outcomes

CECIMO will take the opportunity of its meetings organised twice per year to raise the awareness among its members on the topics related to corporate sustainability. Furthermore, we have exploited the full potential of the Blue Competence initiative to organise workshops and learning exercises for its members along the principles of environmental, economic and social sustainability. As of 2018, we would like finally to participate in the activities of “The Shift”, Belgian local network for UNGC and connect with other organisations with similar goals.