

INFORMATION CALENDAR

PAST EVENTS

01.03 → A meeting between BAMI and the two sectoral trade unions – TU“Metalicy” and NF“Metallurgy” took place. The main purpose is enhancing social partnership and cooperation. Joint Agreement for achieving common goals and sustainable development of the branch with concrete tasks for 2017 will be prepared and adopted.

02.03 → Meeting of BAMI’s **Committee on Education and Social Policy**. Some future tasks of the Committee were discussed, organization of regional student’s competitions, adoption of a joint programme with the Faculty of Metallurgy /UCTM/, accelerating the negotiations for the new Branch Collective Labour Agreement.



02.03 → Members of the Board of BAMI met with representatives of the economic team of GERB. Some of the topics discussed were tax policy, energy sector, education, transport and labour and social security legislation. Efficient use and distribution of the European funds more focused on real support for industry and its competitiveness was a major issue as well.

07.03 → The Consultative Council for Industrial Stability /Ministry of Economy/ resuscitated its work. The Agenda of the meeting included: Accelerating and simplifying the procedures in OP “Innovations and Competitiveness”; preparation of a bill on industrial economic areas and special purpose areas; revision of the EU ETS and inclusion of the “price-taker” criterion in the post-2020 rules.

09.03 → Members of the Board of BAMI met the economic team of the Bulgarian Socialist party. Some key issues regarding economic policy and business environment were discussed, industrial development and energy policy, education, social policy.

10.03 → Chapters V Work and Rest Regimen and VI Labour Remuneration of the Branch Collective Labour Agreement were adopted at the Contact Group meeting. **Higher night-shift additional payment was agreed on, as well as higher value for free food – 10 % increase. No agreement on the minimum wage was reached.**

16.03→ At a joint meeting BAMI’s Committee on Social partnership and the branch trade unions discussed a draft Agreement for cooperation and joint activities in 2017. The draft Agreement is still being coordinated.

17.03→ The Association of Bulgarian Employers’ Organizations presented its priorities at a working meeting with the President of Bulgaria Rumen Radev. The meeting was attended by all the four nationally representative employers’ organizations – BICA, BIA, BCCI and KRIB.

17.03→ In issue 23 of the State Journal changes and supplements to Ordinance № 5/2002 is published. The changes are related to art.62 of the Labour Code and the gathering of missing information about minimum wage in the country.

20.03→ A meeting of a interinstitutional working group took was hosted by the Ministry of Finance. A draft change to the Local Taxes and Levies Law shall be prepared in the part for adopting a base for defining the “household waste” tax. The business insists that the only criterion is the amount of waste generated without the possibility for local municipalities to chose other criteria. A deadline for comments was set after which a Public Consultation shall be carried out on the draft.

23.03→ BAMI and UCTM adopted a Programme for joint activities in 2017. Two competitions for high school students are envisaged. One will be carried out in the Shoumen region – supported by Alcomet, and the second – Pernik region – supported by Stomana Industry and VMV Metal/CFMC.

EUROPEAN UNION

14.02 → The European Parliament voted on the Waste Framework Directive aiming at improved policy and more effective implementation of the “circular economy” measures. Eurofer and Eurometaux welcome the positive changes and still insist on adopting a real recycling policy.

15.02 → The European Parliament adopted the final text of the Conflict Minerals Regulation, the next step is official adoption by the Council. Eurometaux issued a press-release stating their readiness for cooperation in the effective implementation of the Regulation, guaranteeing that existing due-diligence schemes implemented by EU industry are recognized.

Happy Spring!