



Transnational Seminar Workgroup "Airbus"

What was important so far?

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- one first time platform for exchange and analysis of the situation.
- till now no contacts between trade unionists in the different countries (Fragmentation inside some trade unions' in Toulouse)
- management trying to split German and French Trade Unions at Airbus → bottom-up perspective necessary
- EWC: every country has its own legislative basis (but arrangements would be possible)
- European cooperation not effective so far

Problem

- national interests often supersede an european vision/an european consensus in the trade unions

Annotation

- there is a working group inside the ILO, especially dealing with TU issues (ACTAF), maybe one could appeal to this institution

Analysis/proceeding:

There is the danger of turning in cycles. National discussions need to be clustered first to become capable of acting. First a national consensus with european vision needs to be worked out. Informal meetings for better networking. Furthermore on the macro-level one could make an advance (CES/ETUC/EGB).

Basically

Airbus is situated in the "old europe" at the moment. In the future the situation could get more complicated. Fundamental the overall situation of the metalworking industry should be considered (outsourcing, cutback of employees' rights...)



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