



HOTREC elects Mr. Jean Marc BANQUET D' ORX from the French Association "Union des Métiers et des Industries de l'Hôtellerie" (UMIH) as Chair of the HOTREC Sectoral Social Dialogue (SSD) Committee

Rome, 10 April 2014 – HOTREC, the business association representing the hospitality industry, announced the election of Mr. Jean Marc Banquet d'Orx (UMIH) as Chair of its Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee.

Mr. Jean Banquet d'Orx has been elected as Chair of the Sectoral Social Dialogue (SSD) Committee at HOTREC 68 General Assembly.

As President of HOTREC, I am glad to welcome Mr. Banquet d'Orx as Chair of the HOTREC SSD. Mr. Banquet d'Orx has been member of the HOTREC SSD since 2009 and has, therefore, a long experience in dealing with social affairs and social dialogue issues. He maintains excellent relations with the European Commission representatives as well as with HOTREC social dialogue counter- partners. Together with HOTREC SSD members, Mr. Banquet d'Orx will be of great value to help our SSD Committee pursue a quality dialogue with the trade unions on hospitality related matters at EU level," stated Mr. Nyström, President of HOTREC.

The social dialogue committee runs HOTREC's sectoral social dialogue with its trade-union partner EFFAT, based on the mandate conferred by the General Assembly. HOTREC's SSD Committee is now composed of its chairman Jean-Marc Banquet d'Orx (UMIH, France), and of István Kovács (HHRA, Hungary), Andrea Stocco (FIPE, Italy) and Mr. Andrew Muscat (MHRA, Malta).

What is HOTREC?

HOTREC represents the hotel, restaurant and café industry at European level. This industry includes around 1,8 million businesses, of which 99% are small and medium sized enterprises (91% of them micro enterprises, i.e. employing fewer than 10 people). These businesses make up some 59% of industry value added. The hospitality industry provides some 10.2 million jobs in the EU alone. Together with the other tourism industries, the sector is one of the largest industries in Europe. HOTREC brings together 42 national associations representing the sector in 27 different European countries.

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