



Presiding Board meets the Board of Sindicato dos Trabalhadores

dos Impostos (STI)

At invitation of the Portuguese finance union Sindicato dos Trabalhadores dos Impostos (STI), the meeting of the Presiding Board of ufe has been held in Lisbon. On this occasion, the Presiding Board of ufe has met the Board of STI for an extensive exchange of information and ideas.

The President of the Portuguese STI, Alberto Silva, has reported on the far-reaching modifications in Portugal's civil service and the envisaged staff reductions. He has further reported that there has been a drastic raise of the retirement age from 60 to 65 years in Portugal, too.

The structure of the Portuguese finance administration has been explained as well as the structure of the German, Dutch, British and Danish finance administrations.

The differences in respect of the right of tenured employees (civil servants) to strike have been interesting. Thus, strikes are permitted in Portugal, and also in the Netherlands and Great Britain, whereas civil servants in Germany and Denmark must not strike.

It has been interesting for the German participants what a huge amount of data the taxation office receives from employers, the other state authorities, the notary's offices and communities as well as from banks, customs and health care centres. Thus, it is not any problem to convey already completed tax forms to the taxpayers.

The different training systems to enable an employment in the taxation and/or customs administration have been another subject of the exchange of ideas. Furthermore, the pension systems, which will experience worsenings in Portugal, too, the salary structure as well as the income increase and/or income losses have been discussed.



The Board of STI



Discussion with the ufe Presiding Board



Ufe President Dieter Ondracek, Vice-President Klaus-Hilger Leprich in discussion with the Chairman of STI, Manuel Alberto Folgado Baptista