



First meeting of the European Labour Authority Working Group on Inspections
6 February 2020

- Summary of the deliberations -

The Experts appointed by the ELA Management Board Members met in Brussels on 6 February 2020 for the first meeting of the ELA Working Group on concerted and joint inspections (CJIs).

The aim of the first meeting was to present the goals of the Working Group, discuss the planning of the activities for the year 2020 and provide the initial input on the first three draft deliverables among the ones mentioned in the ELA Work Program 2020.

During the meeting, the Commission delivered a presentation on the activities of the European Platform to enhance cooperation in tackling undeclared work and other existing research activities, which will be used as basis for developing the deliverables of the Working Group. This was followed by presentations by two Member States (Belgium and Sweden) on the topic of signalling, prioritising and dealing with cases brought forward by different stakeholders and individuals.

The discussions focused on the three draft deliverables: a Model Agreement for carrying out a CJI, a Workflow Guidance for Member States to request the coordination and support of the ELA for CJI, and a Post-inspection report. The first drafts were developed by the ELA Establishment Group and will undergo a series of revisions and tests to improve their usability.

Deliverable 1: Model Agreement for concerted and joint inspections

The Experts welcomed the first draft of the Model Agreement as a good start for further discussions. The structure of the document should include a core document (the Model Agreement) featuring only the essential elements and an annex (the Inspection Plan) with all the necessary additional information and practical arrangements. A leaner version of the document will improve its usability.

Deliverable 2: Workflow guidance

The position of the Working Group was that the draft Workflow guidance could serve as a useful instrument for encouraging Member States, which do not have an established mutual operational practice, to take part in concerted or joint action. The discussion revolved around three main aspects – the timeframe, the roles of the different actors, and the eligibility criteria for ELA support.

Deliverable 3: Post-inspection report

The Working Group generally recognised the value of the Post-inspection report as not only a means of accounting for the joint activities, but also for reflecting on, and potentially improving, ELA's operations and the inspection process. The report template should be simplified. The Experts also underlined the importance of developing Key Performance Indicators as part of the Post-inspection report, and suggested that Member States and Social Partners be actively involved in this process.

General remarks

For the purpose of convenience and usability, several Experts in the Working Group suggested that the three proposed deliverables should be integrated and managed through secure interactive

(online) channels, where participating Member States can select the components relevant for their particular case and cooperation. In addition, professionals in the field should be informed on the advantages of using these deliverables. To this end, the ELA should consider developing information materials explaining their purpose and added value. Finally, the Working Group reiterated the importance of clarity about data ownership and of ensuring that all deliverables are fully compliant with the principles of the GDPR. The three draft documents will be reviewed based on this input and presented at the next meeting of the Working Group on 5 March.