

Second meeting of the European Labour Authority Working Group on Information 26 May 2020

- Summary of deliberations -

The ELA Working Group on Information held its second meeting on 26 May 2020 in videoconference.

The agenda of the meeting had three main objectives: first, exchanging practices of communication to citizens and employers concerning measures affecting labour mobility in the context of the Covid-19 crisis; second, exchanging information and practices concerning the update of single national websites on posting in view of the upcoming application of Directive 2018/957; third, presenting and discussing the main operational mechanisms of the ELA translation facility.

In its introductory remarks, the Authority updated the Experts of the Working Group on the state of advancement of the study on EU websites of information on labour mobility, as well as on the forthcoming tender on support services to the ELA activities in the field of information. The Authority also announced that an ELA Workshop on Road Transport discussing the implementation of future ELA activities in the sector will take place on 2 December 2020.

The Commission presented the Guidelines issued to preserve the (cross-border) free movement of workers, goods and services during the COVID-19 crisis and to lift the containment measures in a gradual and coordinated manner

Exchange of views on providing information regarding COVID19-related measures

The Authority delivered a presentation summarising its observations as regards national websites communicating the respective policy measures. The experts of two Member States (NL and PL) presented their national practices in providing information to cross-border citizens and employers on measures affecting labour mobility during the Covid-19 crisis.

Updating single national posting websites in view of the application of Directive (EU) 2018/957

The Commission introduced the discussion by recalling *inter alia* the legal obligations included in Directive (EU) 2018/957 concerning the provision of reliable and up-to-date information on the terms and conditions of employment applicable to posted workers as of 30 July 2020. The Experts exchanged information on the state of play of the on-going update of their single national posting website. The Working Group agreed to continue reviewing national posting websites over the following meetings.

Presentation of collective agreements on single national posting websites

Experts discussed possible ways how to present the content of collective agreements applicable to posted workers on single national posting websites. The European Federation of Building and Woodworkers, Austria and Belgium presented their practice, the former reflecting the views of trade unions. The Working Group agreed that the Authority will work

on an approach to presenting the relevant information on national posting websites starting from the presentation of universally-applicable collective agreements.

Presentation and discussion of the ELA Translation Facility

The Authority presented its proposal for the operational functioning of the ELA Translation Facility intended to support Member States in translating relevant information available on official national webpages. The Group welcomed the initiative and agreed on the proposed operational modalities. The Authority will soon adopt a formal Decision laying down detailed functioning mechanisms with the aim of operationalising the facility by the beginning of Q3 2020.

Key Performance Indicators

The Authority briefly presented the objective of defining Key Performance Indicators (KPI) for the task of facilitating access to information in the context of the Single Programming Document 2022-2024, currently under preparation. Experts were invited to share relevant national practices in this field for inspiration.

Any other business

The Authority informed that the third meeting of the Working Group will take place on 24 September 2020, in a format yet to be defined. The fourth meeting will be held on 1 December.

Date of next meeting: 24 September 2020