



## European Platform Undeclared Work

### **Outputs of the second plenary meeting of the European Platform tackling undeclared work 9-10 March 2017, Brussels**

#### **9 March 2017 – Thematic discussion bogus self-employment – see separate report**

#### **10 March 2017 – Ordinary Plenary meeting**

The agenda of the meeting was adopted. The outcome of the first plenary session on 10 October 2016 was adopted and will be published on the website

#### **Main results of the seminar 'Holistic Approach' on 2/12/2016**

ICF Consulting/University of Sheffield presented the key learning outcomes from the Platform Seminar on Developing a Holistic Approach to Tackling Undeclared Work, which are detailed in a 'learning resource paper'. On request of Luxembourg it was agreed that a footnote will be added to the learning resource paper to indicate that Luxembourg does not agree with point 4.2 of the paper which refers to the evaluation of policy measures. The learning resource paper was endorsed for publication.

#### **Working group 'Feasibility study on extension of IMI system to UDW'**

The mandate for the working group 'Feasibility study on extension of IMI system to UDW' was adopted. It was agreed that members of the working group should not limit the scope to the IMI system but should also take account of other relevant tools.

It was agreed that the Secretariat would circulate an e-mail, inviting applications to take on the role of working group leader of the working group by 20 March. Given the high level of interest in this working group, expressions of interest in being a member of the working group should also be submitted in writing (via e-mail to the Platform Secretariat by 20 March).

#### **Working group 'Success stories – Lessons from companies experiences'**

It was agreed that the mandate for this working group should be slightly amended, to alter the wording on the outputs to be produced by the working group, so that it refers to 'possible approaches towards labelling' rather than 'producing a proposal on how labelling can be introduced'. The revised mandate will be circulated to the Platform members and observers for comment in writing.

A call for candidates for membership in the working group with a deadline of 20 March will be circulated via e-mail.

Esther Lynch, ETUC, was appointed leader of this working group.

#### **Collaborative workspace – opening up to additional users**

It was agreed that the collaborative workspace should be made open to users nominated by the Platform members and observers, within reasonable limits. Additional nominations are the responsibility of the members and observers, who were reminded that some documents hosted on the collaborative workspace are not intended for the public domain. Additional users act

under the responsibility of the appointed senior representative/alternate/member/observer; it was agreed that permissions to upload documents and communicate via the collaborative workspace would only be given to Platform members and observers.

All relevant documents for Platform meetings and events will be made available in the collaborative workspace.

### **Selection of thematic issue for day 1 of October 2017 plenary meeting**

It was agreed that the thematic issue for discussion on the first day of the October 2017 Platform plenary meeting will be 'New UDW developments and trends, in particular undeclared work in the collaborative economy'. Given that data mining was the second preference, this topic will be presented during the formal session on the second day of the plenary meeting.

The topic of the spring 2018 plenary meeting will be discussed at the meeting in October.

### **Exchange of views with the chair of the Employment Committee (EMCO)**

According to Art. 9 of the UDW decision the Platform and EMCO should cooperate. The EMCO chair expressed an interest in the specific expertise of the Platform, for example in areas such as policy lessons, the analysis of size of UDW, assessment of implementation of country-specific recommendations, etc. The Platform proposed to inform EMCO about the impact of policy decisions on the ground, for example staff cuts within labour inspectorates. It was agreed that the UDW Platform and EMCO will support each other's work by sharing expertise and exchanging information. Another possible form of cooperation could be the participation of 2-3 Platform members in EMCO's multi-lateral surveillance events.

### **Presentation of the results from mutual assistance project (MAP) Romania**

RO presented the outcomes of the MAP which took place in Romania in November 2016. A report outlining recommendations for Romania was produced after the MAP. A follow-up visit will take place in mid-2017 to review these recommendations.

### **Feedback from national seminar Sweden, presentation by SE**

SE presented the outcomes of the national seminar held in Sweden in January 2017, looking at the topic of 'trust' and what it means for authorities involved in tackling UDW. Part of the workshop was filmed, as well as interviews with participants, and once they have been finalised, these videos will be shared via the collaborative workspace.

### **Information points:**

#### **Staff learning visits**

The deadline for applications for staff learning visits and joint activities will be extended to the 30 April 2017. It was stressed that applications should be bilateral, i.e. supported by a statement from the host organisation.

#### **Call for proposals in the field of undeclared work**

The Platform was informed of the call for proposals for activities relating to UDW. The total funding available is EUR 1,000,000 and the Commission expects to award 2-3 grants of up to EUR 400,000 per project. EU funding can be used to support 80 % of the costs of the projects. Requests for clarifications should be submitted to the specific mailbox indicated in

the call for proposals. The deadline for proposals is 12 June 2017. More information is available under: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=630&callId=509>

#### Second Mutual Assistance Project (MAP)

A second MAP is planned to be held in Latvia. Expressions of interest were invited for Platform members/observers wishing to take part in the MAP as experts. These should be sent via e-mail to the Platform Secretariat.

#### Platform Seminar: Construction (Work Programme (WP) Activity 6)

A Platform Seminar on the topic of UDW in construction will be held on 3 May 2017, in Brussels.

#### Thematic Review data mining (WP Activity 8)

A thematic review workshop on data mining will be held on 1-2 June 2017, in Helsinki.

#### Thematic Review Bilateral Agreements (WP Activity 9)

A thematic review workshop on bilateral agreements and memoranda of understanding will be held on 11-12 April 2017, in Utrecht.

#### Cooperation with the Expert Committee on Posting of Workers on Seminar: How to identify 'Letterbox companies'? (WP Activity 12)

A survey on the topic of letterbox companies will be carried out in cooperation with the Expert Committee on Posting of Workers. The results will be analysed and presented in a report to the Platform in the autumn, in advance of a Platform Seminar on the same topic.

#### Platform survey 2017 (WP Activities 14, 17, 21)

An electronic survey will be carried out amongst Platform members in early April, with a deadline for responses in June 2017. The survey will cover three topic areas:

- National policy approaches and characteristics of the legal and institutional framework
- Organisational features of enforcement bodies
- Use of databases / digital tools.

#### Activity 26: September 2016, Dissemination Seminar

A seminar will be held in Brussels in September 2016 to disseminate the results of the first contract year (i.e. October 2016 – September 2017). It will be open to a total of 40 participants. The seminar will focus on selected topics and will be presented in a pedagogical way. Participants at this seminar should be trainers or staff with responsibility for preparing information products, etc.

#### New Website 'Undeclared work'

The new UDW Platform web pages were presented. They can be found at the following link: <http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1299&langId=en>

#### **AOB – DG HOME ‘fitness check’ of the legal migration directives**

DG HOME invited Platform members and observers to contribute to an evaluation of the EU legal migration directives. Members/observers will be consulted in writing.

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