



European Platform Undeclared Work

Outputs of the fourth plenary meeting of the European Platform tackling undeclared work 8-9 March 2018, Brussels

8 March 2018 – Thematic discussion on 'Elements of a preventative approach: service vouchers and awareness campaigns'

See separate report.

9 March 2018 – Ordinary Plenary meeting

ITEM 1 and 2: Opening remarks and adoption of outputs from Plenary meeting 19-20 October 2017

The agenda of the meeting was adopted. The draft report on 'New UDW developments and trends, in particular undeclared work in the collaborative economy' and the outputs of the third plenary session on 19-20 October 2017 were adopted and will be published on the website of the Platform¹.

ITEM 3: Reports from workshops 'Elements of a preventative approach: service vouchers and awareness raising campaigns'

Two rapporteurs gave short reports on the discussions at the workshops: Workshop 1 developing service voucher schemes, Workshop 2: developing awareness raising campaigns. The findings, main conclusions and possible follow-up of the thematic discussions will be presented in the separate report.

ITEM 4: Obstacles to cross-border cooperation

ICF Consulting/University of Sheffield presented the preliminary findings from the section of the annual survey on obstacles to cross-border cooperation which was completed by Platform members and observers, and nominated country representatives. The full results of the survey will be published in Q2 2018.

ITEM 5: Setting up of working groups (WG)

'WG concepts and shared understanding' – the mandate for the WG was adopted and the Chair agreed as Sweden, deputy Norway. Platform members were invited to express interest in participating in this group by 23 March 2018.

'WG work programme 2019-2020' – the mandate of the WG was adopted. The Chair of the WG was agreed to be DG EMPL. Platform members were invited to express interest in participating in this group by 23 March 2018.

¹ <http://ec.europa.eu/social/udw>

ITEM 6: Cooperation with the Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC)

It was agreed that collaboration with SLIC is important. It was agreed that the Platform would provide access to the collaborative space for members of the SLIC. A reciprocal arrangement would be requested in order for the Platform to have access to reports etc on the CIRCA / ECAS site. Platform Members were reminded that they could nominate up to five individuals to access the UDW collaborative workspace.

ITEM 7: Commission proposal on the European Labour Authority

The discussion of this proposal was postponed.

ITEM 8: Information points:

UDW Platform Video

A short video of the Platform has been produced and is available on the Platform's web pages.

Upcoming call for proposals in the field of UDW

The Commission's call for proposals was published on 8 March 2018 with a deadline of 13 June 2018. Projects should relate to one of six key topic areas. Projects can start in October 2018 and must be match financed by 20% (which includes staff time).

Presentation of the project 'Tackling undeclared work in the Nordic countries'

The Norwegian Platform observer presented the achievements to date of the Nordic working group on tackling UDW. This project is financed under the 2017 work programme and aims to strengthen cross-border learning and inspection activities, and sharing of good practice. The findings of the group will be evaluated and shared at the dissemination seminar (11 September 2018) and the next plenary meeting (18-19 October 2018).

Thematic Review Workshops (TRW)

The TRW on information tools for employers and workers is taking place in Sweden on 22-23 March 2018, with a follow up visit later in the year. A toolkit on how to reach out to employers and workers is forthcoming.

The TRW on risk assessments for more efficient inspections is taking place in Spain on 14-15 June 2018, also with a follow up visit.

Seminars

The Seminar on UDW in the road transport sector is taking place in Brussels on 1 June 2018. Platform members and observers were encouraged to sign up early as places are limited.

The Dissemination Seminar will take place on 11 September 2018 with a focus on how to communicate effectively the results of the Platform within Member States.

Study 'Evasion of taxes and social security contributions'

The study will be completed in June 2018. A focus group with nominated representatives is taking place on 18 April 2018 to gather more information. The results of the study will be taken into account in the new work programme for 2019-20.

Study 'New UDW developments and trends in specific sectors'

A small scale study on agriculture has begun and results will be presented at the next Plenary.

Call for success stories

A new call for success stories from social partners or tripartite actions is forthcoming. A working group chaired by ETUC will make the selection of which the case studies to include.

Mutual Assistance Projects (MAPs)

Lithuania will be taking part in a Mutual Assistance Project on 16-18 May 2018 with Platform experts visiting from NL, SE, IE and LV. A candidate for the second MAP for 2018, and two candidates for the next year's work, are being explored.

Roadmap for biannual Platform report to Council /EP

This report is a legal requirement and will present the first two years of the Platform. Work on this will start in July 2018. The Bureau will review this during September 2018 and comments are requested from the Platform in the middle of September 2018 for presentation and adoption at the Plenary meeting in October. The input from the Platform will include the satisfaction and take-up survey which will be available to complete between 1 July and 15 August 2018.

Roadmap for setting up the Platform Bureau for 2019-2020

A call will be launched on 17 September 2018 with a deadline of 24 September 2018. The election for co-chairs will take place at the October Platform Plenary. NB: the current Platform co-chair from FR will be retiring and will not be a candidate.

Roadmap for decision on sector mix for invitations of social partner organisations to be granted observer status

The next Plenary meeting will decide on the sectoral mix of social partners to be granted observer status. 24 September 2018 is the deadline for submission of proposals.

Staff learning visits

Up to three people can take part in each visit, and include social partners. Two visits have taken place so far: NO – BE, RO- IE and places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Plenary participants were encouraged to sign up.

Presentation of LT-NO staff learning project

The LT and NO Platform members presented their experiences from the LT-NO staff visit which had a focus on cooperation and learning around posted workers, as well as practical advice on cross-border assessment of fraud and risk.

The date of the next Plenary meeting is 19 October 2018, Brussels
