Seventh meeting of the European Labour Authority Working Group on Information
27 September 2021

- Summary of deliberations -

The ELA Working Group on Information held its seventh meeting on 27 September 2021 by video conference.

The agenda included eight items, the results of which are reported in the following.

1. ELA Introduction
In its introductory remarks, the Authority updated the Experts on the latest activities of ELA, including the first joint and concerted inspections that took place in September, the capacity building workshop with three national training centres for labour inspections (FR, ES, RO) organised by ELA on 23 September 2021 in Bratislava, and the fourth meeting of ELA Mediation Working Group to take place on 30 September/1 October.

2. Single websites on posting: peer review session
The Working Group continued the peer review process of single national websites on the posting of workers. The peer review covered analysis of the findability, accuracy, completeness and user-friendliness of the posting webpages as well as selective analysis of the information provided on the following aspects of posting legislation: remuneration, long-term posting and declaration obligations.

Four single national websites (BE, CZ, EE, PL) were reviewed by another Member State (NL, SK, FI, LT), the Commission and the social partners. The reviews generally gave positive feedbacks (including from the Commission that underlined progress in comparison to the previous reviews), while underlining room for improvement, especially as it comes to the number of available language versions and accessibility to the people with disabilities. The important role for the ELA Translation Facility was underlined by the experts in the context of improving the quality of websites. Participants will be asked to comment on the Review Reports that the Information Support Service will circulate shortly.

The peer review process will continue at the next meeting of the WG.

3. Follow up to the peer reviews: Hands-on workshop on posting websites
ELA provided information on the first hands-on workshop organized on 23 June 2021 together with ISS as a follow up to the peer reviews.

ELA reminded the possibility for all reviewed Member States to request ELA to organise a similar workshop for tailored support and assistance focusing on practical solutions to address issues identified during the peer review session, on voluntary basis.

4. ELA workshops and other events in the pipeline
ELA presented the upcoming events in the Information and services area planned to be organized in Bratislava, with possibility for remote connection (in a hybrid format): a Workshop with National Liaison Offices (30 November) focused on an exchange between practitioners in National Liaison Offices regarding the information provision and the information exchange between administrations; the Eighth meeting of the WG Information (7 December); a Workshop on Road Transport (9 December) addressed to transport and employment ministries to discuss the national websites mapping exercise, good practices and possible future activities.

The events will create the opportunity for the participants to visit the new ELA headquarters.

5. Cross-border employment in the live performance sector: presentation

Dr. Marco Rocca, the lead researcher from the Commission-funded MOBILIVE project, presented the main findings related to presenting and disseminating information on social security and labour law in the hyper-mobile live performance. The project used ELA material (the approach on presenting collective agreements) as a work basis.

The Final Report of the project can be consulted here: Mobilive Final Report (pearle.eu).

6. #Rights4All Seasons campaign: state of play and follow up

ELA promoted a preliminary discussion on lessons learned from the Rights4AllSeasons campaign that benefited of the participation of most Member States. The Member States gave generally positive feedbacks about the importance of the topic and the relevance of the material produced (as being re-usable). They called on ELA to improving the simplicity of the campaign organization, the timeliness of interventions, better tailoring target groups and extending the network to the local level, while considering also offline outreach channels (TV, newspapers etc.).

ELA will deliver a more detailed official assessment of the campaign once quantitative data are available.

7. ELA Translation Facility: update

ELA presented data concerning the use of the Translation Facility during 2021 and encouraged the Member States to submit requests before the end of 2021.

8. AOB

The Commission mentioned the possibility of employing the Working Group on Information as a forum through which launching consultations amongst the Member States on the development of an optional common Declaration form in electronic format, an initiative included in the 2021 Industrial Strategy. A decision on the most appropriate consultation channel will follow soon.

Date of the next meeting of Info WG: 7 December 2021, with a get-together social event on the evening of 6 December 2021.