

First Thematic meeting on international road transport of the European Labour Authority Working Group on Information

8 February 2022

- Summary of deliberations -

The first Thematic Meeting on International Road Transport of the Working Group on Information took place in online format on 8 February 2022. ELA presented the draft information material on the posting of drivers and the ELA information campaign on international road transport.

1. ELA Introduction

In the introductory remarks, ELA presented the Framework for Action on Road Transport, namely the Information Pillar (which is one of the three main pillars of the Framework). The Information Pillar sets out the objectives and outlines the planned activities regarding information provision to individuals, workers and employers in the international road transport and were discussed in the following agenda items.

2. Proposed toolbox to support the provision of information on national legislation

ELA presented an information toolbox consisting of draft approaches to presenting information on single national posting websites (namely on the remuneration of posted drivers and administrative requirements) and a draft Handbook summarising the relevant national rules on posting of drivers across the EU-27 to be disseminated to the drivers and operators. The material was well received by the participants. Employers stressed the need to prioritise tackling existing information gaps about the new rules (especially remuneration and contact points) in a timely manner, as Member States are still in the process of transposition. Trade unions highlighted the importance to address further information aspects such as third country nationals, letterbox companies and passenger transport. ELA will launch the preparation of this material after receiving written comments from the WG experts.

3. Horizontal review of information provided by national posting websites

Together with the Information Support Service, ELA presented a proposition for a review of national posting websites containing information on road transport. The participants suggested the review would focus on posting aspects, especially applicable national provisions and remuneration. Again, the urgency to have information available was stressed especially by the social partners.

4. EU-level information on national posting legislation

The European Commission presented the information available on Your Europe Portal and the webpage of DG MOVE, as well as COM plans to provide road transport information, including on

posting of drivers. Both the social partners and the Member States stressed the information on Your Europe Portal should be concise and presented in a very summarized manner. A need for a single information portal at EU level was shared by all participants.

5. Planned roadshow of information workshops

ELA presented its plans for organising local information sessions as part of the capacity building activities. Information sessions would be targeted to sectoral stakeholders (e.g. drivers and/or operators, consultancy organisations) to disseminate practical information about applicable rules. The aim is to organize at least 5 local events in 2022 in main countries of establishment of transport operators. Participants stressed need for short, direct meetings focused only on one or two topics. Employers as well as the enforcement organization CORTE offered to advise in choosing target countries and to use their networks for enhanced information dissemination.

6. Information campaign on international road transport

ELA presented its plans for the information campaign on road transport, including a target audience analysis and draft campaign plan. The presentation was well received. The EU Platform tackling undeclared work will contribute to the campaign through specific messages on the benefits of declared work, which will be the subject of a dedicated meeting on 9 February. Participants stressed the need for simple messages. EU-OSHA offered cooperation in the campaign. ELA will circulate a survey shortly to collect inputs from the campaign partners and organise an operational meeting during the month of March, on the basis of the survey's results.