

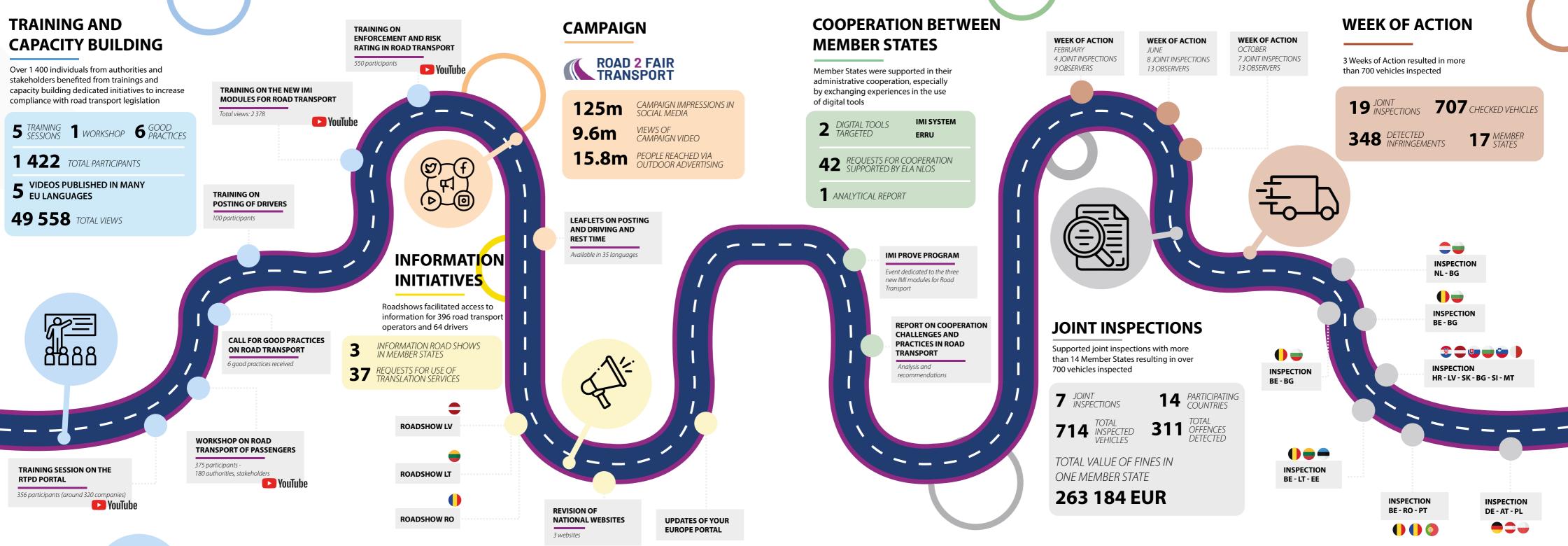




ELA FRAMEWORK FOR ACTION IN ROAD TRANSPORT 2022

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The European Labour Authority (ELA) was established with the mission to facilitate and support cooperation between Member States. Social aspects of the international road transport sector is an area included in ELA's mandate and ELA aims to improve working conditions and fair competition in that sector. A Framework for Action in Road Transport was launched in 2022 to that end. The activities within the Framework reflect ELA's ongoing efforts to support fair and ethical working conditions across Europe. ELA has carried out the following initiatives under the framework during the past year.

CAPACITY BUILDING

In 2022, ELA organised five training sessions for authorities and operators, together with the European Commission. The trainings on the Road Transport Posting Declaration Portal the new IMI Modules in Road Transport and the transport of passengers were translated in all EU languages and are available on ELA's You tube channel. ELA also organised a workshop dedicated to tackling letterbox companies in Road Transport. In addition, ELA launched a call for good practices also covering the enforcement of road transport legislation. ELA received six good practices from Member States.

CAMPAIGN

An EU-wide multilingual information and awarenessraising campaign #Road2FairTransport was organised. It aimed to reach drivers and operators with information on applicable EU social legislation in the road transport sector, and to raise awareness of the benefits of declared work. The campaign covered changes brought by Mobility Package 1 including information on the posting of drivers, driving and resting time, enforcement activities and the tachograph. A ten-weeks active campaign took place in close cooperation with campaign partners in EU Member States, social partners and the European Commission. In addition to a social media campaign, an outdoor advertising campaign was launched with informative billboards and posters placed in rest areas along one of Europe's main highways and via a mobile application were organised. ELA also launched a campaign website, produced leaflets for drivers, as well as posters, templates, and thematic videos.







INFORMATION

ELA facilitated a review of web pages on the Your Europe portal dedicated to posting activities in the road transport sector, and supported the revision of three national websites. In addition, ELA organised local events in three Member States, socalled roadshows, directly providing information to drivers and operators in the road transport sector. The intention was to complement campaign activities by providing more in-depth information tailored to the needs of the target groups. In total 396 operators and 64 drivers were reached as a result of these initiatives. In parallel, ELA received 37 requests for use of translation services from Member States in 2022.

COOPERATION

In 2022, ELA supported the organisation of two national events bringing together authorities from different Member States to discuss about common challenges in the implementation of road transport legislation. ELA supported 42 requests for cooperation and the exchange of information through its National Liaison Officers (NLOs), in the field of Road Transport, providing for contact details, and for help with overcoming obstacles and delays in cooperation. ELA also promoted the use of digital tools, especially by exchanging experiences on the use of the new IMI System modules for road transport (IMI-PROVE Programme) and started consultations on the national use of ERRU (European Register of Road Transport Undertakings). In addition, a stable forum of national users of the IMI modules for road transport was set-up. An analytical report on cooperation practices and challenges in road transport was commissioned to obtain further recommendations on how to strengthen cross-border cooperation in this sector.

ENFORCEMENT

In 2022, ELA coordinated and supported 26 cross-border joint inspections in the road transport sector. 19 of these took place during the three Weeks of Action in February, June, and October. The Weeks of Action were coordinated in partnership with ROADPOL during their 'Truck & Bus' weeks. Seven crossborder inspections organized outside the Weeks of Action were targeted actions aiming to address specific issues or irregularities, such as weekly resting time rules or presumed letterbox companies. In total, more than 1400 trucks were checked and over 600 infringements were identified during ELA inspections. These included infringements of tachograph rules, driving & resting times, irregularities in relation to posted workers, undeclared work, payment of wages, and possible bogus self-employment.



CONCLUDING REMARKS

During 2022, ELA carried out several actions addressing the road transport sector from different angles and worked in permanent collaboration with the Member States, the European Commission, and social partners. These actions helped the Agency to identify specific areas for further work and create communities with which ELA will continue to work in the coming years.