



## Summary of deliberations

### Meeting of the European Platform tackling undeclared work

**29 March 2023, European Labour Authority (Landererova 12, Bratislava)**

#### ITEM 1: Opening remarks by Cosmin Boiangiu, Executive Director, ELA

The Executive Director welcomed Platform members and observers. The agenda was adopted.

#### ITEM 2: Adoption of outputs from Platform meeting on 8-9 November 2022

The following documents were adopted:

- Thematic report on Measuring the effectiveness of policy approaches and performance of enforcement authorities from plenary discussion on 8 November 2022;
- Summary of deliberations from Platform meeting on 9 November 2022.

#### ITEM 3: Update by the European Commission, DG EMPL

DG Employment updated Platform representatives about:

- Recent and planned publications from the Commission with relevance to tackling undeclared work, concretely the Special Eurobarometer on citizens attitudes towards intra-EU labour mobility, the annual report on intra-EU labour mobility and reports concerning the implementation of the Working Time Directive.
- Outcomes of the Commission conference on digitalisation and social security coordination which took place on 1 March.
- Regular surveys of the network of Public Employment Services (PES) on PES's measures to support people displaced by the war in Ukraine and other PES activities in that area.
- A call for proposals under ESF+ including activities to tackle undeclared work (deadline 3 May 2023).

#### ITEM 4: Election of the Platform Co-Chair

Bart Stalpaert (BE) was re-elected by consensus as Platform Co-Chair until July 2025.

#### ITEM 5: Demand driven activities: Selection of thematic focus for future peer-learning dialogues, calls for mutual assistance projects (MAPs) and staff exchanges

ELA encouraged Platform members to apply for a MAP by mid-October 2023, reiterating that MAPs are a flexible activity for peer-counselling (in the policy area chosen by the applicant). The call for staff exchanges was launched, with a deadline of 30 April 2023. To simplify the process, this year ELA launched a single, unified call for staff exchanges that concern tackling undeclared work, next to other areas within ELA's mandate.

There will be two peer-learning dialogues this year. The first will start in May on the topic of cross-border cooperation and enhancing investigative techniques for tackling undeclared work among EU-mobile workers and third country nationals. The Platform voted on topics for future peer-learning dialogues, based on the six proposals by ELA. Reflecting the preferences of the participants, the PLD in Autumn 2023 will be on testing approaches to tackle bogus self-employment. The topic that received the second highest number of votes will be considered for a PLD in 2024 and considered



designing strategic objectives and key performance indicators (KPIs) to transform undeclared work into declared work.

#### ITEM 6: Presentations on the past two studies

The Study on the extent of undeclared work in the EU and the Study on the extent of dependent self-employment in the EU could not be presented due to time constraints.

#### ITEM 7: Consultation on the future work plan

ELA presented the upcoming activities of the Platform, including the subgroup on evaluating social/labour ID cards as a tool for tackling undeclared work in April and the seminar on construction in May. A survey will be launched in April to collect data for an upcoming study on means and instruments used as a proof of undeclared work. ELA highlighted that it welcomes suggestions for possible presentations at future events, including at a webinar in July on ‘the cost-of-living crisis and its implications for undeclared work’. A short poll gathered information that can guide ELA on an upcoming study investigating the demand-side of undeclared work and policy responses targeting public procurement. An information campaign on the construction sector will be launched by ELA in autumn.

ELA consulted the Platform representatives on the draft work plan for 2024 which was prepared based on the document adopted by the Platform in March 2023. The Platform agreed on the proposal. Further changes to the work plan may be made following the internal consultations in ELA in order to avoid duplicating similar activities by different ELA teams and to ensure synergies between various activities planned. If this happens, Platform will be informed. The final decision on the ELA work programme for 2024 will be taken by the Management Board of the Authority. Platform representatives suggested also potential additional focus areas for future activities that will be considered.

#### ITEM 8: CIRCABC and videos: 1. “Fighting undeclared work: A holistic approach” 2. “Inspiring practices to tackle undeclared work”

ELA updated that the previous document repository on SharePoint has been discontinued and replaced by CIRCABC – this changed harmonised access to documents across ELA. Two videos were launched and are encouraged to be shared by Platform representatives:

- [Fighting Undeclared Work: A Holistic Approach](#) (available in English with EU language subtitles)
- [Inspiring practices to tackle undeclared work](#) (available in EU languages)

#### ITEM 9: Updates by Platform members and observers on new developments in their institutions and organisations (new tools, measures, legislative initiatives, awareness campaigns, etc.)

A number of members reported on new developments in their respective administrations such as applications for funding and participation of ELA in projects, new legislative initiatives, cross-border cooperation between agencies to fight undeclared work, and new developments in the area of OSH.

#### ITEM 10: AOB

ELA consulted Platform representatives on the continuation of Plenary meetings in hybrid format, which was endorsed by the Platform. Other suggestions on the efficiency of ELA activities were made and will be considered.



New Platform representatives introduced themselves and sent regards from former Platform members who have since retired or moved on.

ITEM 11: Joint session between the Platform and the Working Group on Inspections

A joint session was held between the Platform and the Working Group on inspections. A presentation was given on the outcomes of a forthcoming study supporting the monitoring of the Posting of Workers Directives, highlighting issues of importance for both groups.