

EURES

Coordination Group meeting

22 – 24 November 2023

Executive summary

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Minutes of ECG meeting

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A EURES Coordination Group (ECG) meeting was held on 22-24 November 2023 in Malaga, Spain. As per the EURES Regulation, it brought together the European Labour Authority (ELA) as the European Coordination Office (ECO), the Commission (DG EMPL) and the EURES National Coordination Offices (NCOs). According to the EURES Regulation¹, this group acts as a 'platform for the exchange of information and for the sharing of best practices, in particular regarding the development and dissemination of appropriate information and guidance to workers, including frontier workers, and employers, across the EURES network. The ECG 'should also be consulted during the process of preparing templates, technical standards and formats as well as regarding the definition of uniform detailed specifications for data collection and analysis'. This meeting was an opportunity for the ECG members to discuss the latest developments in EU labour mobility and to receive updates regarding ELA's, ECO's and the Commission's activities. Taking into account specific momentum of the beginning implementation of the EURES portal strategy 2023-2030, there was a dedicated block of the ECG meeting where Interoperability Contact Working Group (IOC WG) members were invited to join the ECG meeting.

ECO presented, inter alia, updates on the implementation of the EURES portal Strategy 2023-2030, updates on ELA's activities, the EURES/Europass synergies project, updates on the Programming Cycle documentation, EURES training and Training Coordinators' Working Group, EURES 30th anniversary celebration plan, 2023 strategic foresight and EURES Strategy 2025-2030.

The Commission presented EU-level developments and policies related to labour mobility as well as cross-border mobility projects and updates on compliance with ESCO (European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations) and on admission system.

Finally, NCO BE and NCO NL presented two initiatives at national level to the participants of the ECG.

ES NCO co-hosted the meeting in Malaga as a combined event with the Spanish Presidency event held on the third day. The Spanish Presidency event showcased various initiatives, including the European Commission's introduction of the Technical Support Instrument (TSI) to bolster employment and training programmes. Similar experiences in Active Support for Employment in the country were highlighted through presentations on inspiring practices for labour market recovery, transformation, and resilience. These included the utilisation of the ESCO classification to identify training needs, the establishment of the new Centre of Excellence (COE) Network of National Employment System Public Centres, the TándEM alternance training scheme, the Initial Professional Experience and Investigo programmes, digital learning initiatives for women in rural communities (PFEA), and efforts supporting digital transformation.

¹ Recital 23 of Regulation (EU) 2016/589.

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Coordination Group meeting

30 - 31 May, 1 June

Executive summary



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A EURES Coordination Group (ECG) meeting was held on 30 May-1 June 2023 in Stockholm. As per the EURES Regulation, it brought together the European Labour Authority (ELA) as the EURES Coordination Office (ECO), the Commission (DG EMPL) and the EURES National Coordination Offices (NCOs). According to the EURES Regulation¹, this group acts as a 'platform for the exchange of information and for the sharing of best practices, in particular regarding the development and dissemination across the EURES network of appropriate information and guidance to workers, including frontier workers, and employers'. The ECG 'should also be consulted during the process of preparing templates, technical standards and formats as well as regarding the definition of uniform detailed specifications for data collection and analysis'. This meeting was the opportunity for the ECG members to discuss the latest developments in EU labour mobility and to receive updates on ECO's and the Commission's activities.

SE NCO hosted the meeting in Stockholm because SE held the Presidency of the Council of the European Union in the first six months of 2023. Together with the Swedish Public Employment Service (Arbetsförmedlingen) and Swedish EURES network provided presentations and organised panel discussions on the green transition.

ECO presented inter alia updates on the mandates of the ECG working groups (WGs) and the organisation of the Interoperability Contact Group (IOC) WG meetings, the EURES Portal Strategy 2023-2030, EURES training, EURES in Action and the EURES 30th anniversary celebration plan.

The Commission presented EU-level developments and policies related to labour mobility as well as updates on the EURES/Europass synergies project, Targeted Mobility Scheme (TMS) projects and on compliance with ESCO (European Skills, Competences, Qualifications and Occupations).

Finally, ELA presented the results of an awareness survey on labour mobility services (EURES included). ELA indicated that the survey report will be sent to the NCOs after the ECG meeting and would welcome any feedback by 14 July 2023.

The next ECG meeting is scheduled to take place in November 2023.

¹ Recital 23 of Regulation (EU) 2016/589.



EURES Coordination Group Ad-hoc Meeting: EURES portal strategy

19 April 2023

Executive Summary



Executive Summary

An *Ad-hoc* EURES Coordination Group (ECG) meeting was held on 19 April 2023 online. As per the EURES Regulation, it brought together the different European actors involved in the field of the free movement of workers: the European Labour Authority (ELA) as the 'EURES Coordination Office' (ECO), the European Commission (DG EMPL), and the EURES National Coordination Offices (NCOs). According to the EURES Regulation, this group acts as a 'platform for the exchange of information and for the sharing of best practices, in particular regarding the development and dissemination across the EURES network of appropriate information and guidance to workers, including frontier workers, and employers'.

This meeting was the opportunity for the ECG members to discuss the initial draft of the EURES portal strategy 2023-2030, and more specifically its rationale, objectives, strategic actions, and roadmap included, proposed by ECO. NCOs and DG EMPL mainly shared their views on the length of the roadmap, their good practices in terms of technological developments and the need to have access to user statistics. ECG members were also invited to send their additional comments on the draft EURES portal strategy to the ECG mailbox by latest 3 May 2023.

Next to the portal strategy, EURES synergies with Europass were not presented, but briefly discussed during the meeting. NCOs and DG EMPL mainly shared their views on the importance of interoperability and consistency with relevant EU legal frameworks (EURES Regulation and General Data Protection Regulation) when developing synergies.

The next regular ECG Meeting is scheduled to take place from 30 May – 1 June in Stockholm (Sweden).



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Coordination Group meeting

14, 15, 16 November 2022

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Executive Summary

An EURES Coordination Group (ECG) meeting was held on 14, 15 and 16 November 2022 in Prague. As per the EURES Regulation, it brought together the different European actors involved in the field of the free movement of workers: the European Labour Authority (ELA) as the “EURES Coordination Office” (ECO), the European Commission (DG EMPL and DG HOME) and the EURES National Coordination Offices (NCOs). According to the EURES Regulation, this group acts as a “platform for the exchange of information and for the sharing of best practices, in particular regarding the development and dissemination across the EURES network of appropriate information and guidance to workers, including frontier workers, and employers”. This meeting was the opportunity for the ECG members to discuss the latest developments in EU labour mobility and to receive updates on ECO’s activities.

Czechia holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and hosted the meeting in Prague. Together with the the Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (MoLSA), and research centers, the Presidency provided presentations on the particularities of their labour market, on the Ukrainian crisis and its impact as well as on new working forms such as platform work.

ECO also presented updates related to the EURES portal interoperability, the state of play of the EURES portal strategy (2023-2030), the EURES Youth campaign, EURES trainings, the Performance Measurement System and the Programming Cycle. Concerning the EURES Youth campaign, ECO launched a campaign named “Jobs for young people” and invited the NCOs and the Public Employment Services (PES) to use the communication toolkits available to them to spread this campaign among their network. The next EURESinAction event will be held in June 2023.

Finally, first ideas for the 30 years of EURES celebrations were shared and discussed among the participants. The campaign will be prepared in 2023 and launched from January to December 2024.

The next ECG Meeting is scheduled to take place on 30 and 31 May 2023.



Ad-hoc meeting of the

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Key discussion points
15 September 2022



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Key Discussion points

15 September 2022

An ad hoc EURES Coordination Group (ECG) meeting was held on 15 September 2022 online. As per the EURES Regulation, this ECG brought together the different European actors involved in the field of the free movement of workers: the European Labour Authority (ELA) as the European Coordination Office (ECO), the European Commission (DG EMPL and DG HOME) and the EURES National Coordination Offices (NCOs).

This ad hoc meeting was the opportunity for the ECG to discuss the latest developments of the **EU Talent Pool Pilot initiative**. The initiative is aimed at facilitating a **successful labour market integration of the beneficiaries of the Temporary Protection Directive relate to the war in Ukraine**. Participation in the Pilot Initiative is **voluntary**.

The Commission Legal Service concluded to the **legal feasibility** of using the EURES portal (hereafter 'the portal') as the implementation tool of the Pilot initiative if the following conditions are met:

- A separate landing page is created within the EURES platform, limited to beneficiaries of temporary protection in terms of access;
- The access granted to beneficiaries of temporary protection is limited to making their CVs available on the portal, but excludes direct access to automatic matching with existing job vacancies submitted under free movement legislation;
- The CVs of beneficiaries of temporary protection would clearly indicate their status as third country citizens not enjoying movement rights under Article 45 TFEU;
- The access to functionalities of the portal is limited to the duration of the Council Decision (EU) 2022/382 of 4 March (Temporary Protection Decision).

ELA presented the three major **new technical components** added to the EURES portal:

- The initiative's landing page;
- The temporary protection identification on the profile/CV creation;
- The temporary protection identification on the European Job Mobility Portal.

ELA shared that Member States can join the communication campaign after 5 October, date of the next EURES CWG meeting (tbc), in case they need more time to decide on their participation to the initiative. Also, the communication materials are currently in preparation but will be shared with the Member States participating in the initiative once ready.

Although participating in the pilot initiative is on a **voluntary basis**, the Commission strongly encourages the Member States to take part in the pilot and show solidarity. As concrete **next steps**, DG EMPL and DG HOME called the countries interested to participate to confirm their participation in the pilot initiative, appoint their national organisation and to communicate it to the **National Coordination Offices** (NCOs).

A first webinar on the Talent Pool Pilot initiative, the Temporary Protection Directive and the new functionalities of the EURES portal will be on 29 September 2022. Further support will be provided to the Member States who participate in the pilot. Webinars and Q&A sessions will be offered on demand between October and November depending on Member States' participation and needs.

The next ECG Meeting is scheduled to take place in Prague on 14, 15 and 16 November 2022, hosted by the Czech Council Presidency.

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Meeting of the EURES Coordination Group

30-31 May 2022
Meeting summary



An EURES Coordination Group (ECG) meeting was held on the 30 and 31 May 2022 in Lyon. The format of the meeting was hybrid, both in person and with a live online transmission. This ECG meeting was the first one being held partially in person since the beginning of the COVID-19 crisis. As per the EURES Regulation, it brought together the different European actors involved in the field of the free movement of workers: the European Labour Authority (ELA) as the “EURES Coordination Office” (ECO), the European Commission (more specifically DG EMPL) and the EURES National Coordination Offices (NCOs). According to the EURES Regulation, this group acts as a “platform for the exchange of information and for the sharing of best practices, in particular regarding the development and dissemination across the EURES network of appropriate information and guidance to workers, including frontier workers, and employers”. This meeting was the opportunity for the ECG to discuss the latest developments in EU labour mobility and to provide updates on ECO’s activities.

France holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union, the French NCO hosted the meeting. The French NCO provided a presentation on the current developments of their labour market. In particular, it explained the ‘*Contrat d’engagement jeune*’, an initiative recently created to help young people find a job.

In view of the latest geopolitical context with the conflict in Ukraine, a section of the meeting was dedicated to discuss how the EURES network can best support the Ukrainian citizens fleeing the war in Ukraine. Several NCOs shared their approach to facilitate the registration of Ukrainian refugees to the Public Employment Services (PES). The importance to share best practices in this regard and the need for the European Commission to provide more guidelines with regards to how Ukrainian refugees could benefit from EURES services were stressed by the NCOs.

The European Commission highlighted a few upcoming initiatives relevant for the EURES network. In particular, the “EU talent pool”, aiming at making the EU more attractive for non-EU nationals, will be launched mid-2023. An EU barometer on the impact of Brexit and COVID-19 on EU citizens will be launched in June and half of the Member States have committed to introduce the ALMA (Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve) initiative in their country.

A series of updates related to interoperability, EURES trainings, Programming Cycle and Performance Measurement System were also presented by ELA and DG EMPL. In particular, ELA is starting the development of a new strategy for the EURES Portal for 2023-2030, on which NCOs and all stakeholders relevant to the Portal will be consulted in the coming weeks. Next to that, discussions were held on the EU-Login implementation, on the abuse assessment process related to the EURES Portal and the data processing agreement. The obligation for the countries to adopt the ESCO (European Skills, Competences, and Occupations) classification was reiterated and ELA presented to the ECG participants the new EURES branding with its different templates and the new trainings available to NCOs. The next EURES in Action event will be held in June in Rome, with 100 onsite and 500 online participants. The next report on Labour Shortages and Surpluses will also be revamped in view to become more reader-friendly and to include more qualitative insights.

Finally, ELA presented the main findings from the bilateral meetings that ECO held throughout the year with the NCOs. A number of recommendations stemming from these meetings were highlighted, on which ELA is currently acting upon in order to improve EURES services.

The next ECG Meeting is scheduled to take place in Prague on 14, 15 and 16 November 2022, as part of programme of the Czech Presidency of the Council of the European Union.



***EURES coordination group
meeting***

25 and 26 November 2021

**Online meeting
ELA WebEx 1 Room**

PROGRAMME

version: 17-11-2021

ECG meeting 25 - 26 November 2021 - Updated agenda
25 November 2021

9:15	<i>Login and virtual coffee</i>	
9:30	<i>Start of the meeting</i>	
09:30	1. Welcome and Introduction by the Chair	
	1.1 New members in the ECG and new colleagues in ECO	<i>Information point</i>
	1.2 Adoption of the agenda	Point for decision
	1.3 <i>Follow-up on action points from the last ECG meeting (if any)</i>	
	1.4 Adoption of the minutes of the last ECG meeting	Point for decision
10:00	2. Latest developments in labour mobility	<i>Information point</i>
10:15	3. Admission system – state of play	<i>Information point</i>
10:30	4. ESCO mapping – state of play	<i>Information point</i>
10:45	5. Ex-post evaluation and the next biennial report	
	5.1 The latest EURES ex-post evaluation	<i>Information point</i>
	5.2 Information about the upcoming biennial report	<i>Information point</i>
11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:30	6. EURES communication	
	6.1 Adoption of the communication strategy	Point for decision
	6.2 Other communication issues	<i>Information point</i>
13:00	7. Results and conclusions of the seasonal work campaign	<i>Information point</i>
13:30	8. EURES training	<i>Information point</i>
13:35	<i>End of the meeting</i>	

26 November 2021

9:30	<i>Start of the meeting</i>	
9:30	9. Data processing agreement	<i>Point for discussion</i>
10:00	10. Interoperability EU login	<i>Information point</i>
11:30	<i>Coffee break</i>	
11:45	11. Mobility Report 2021	<i>Information point</i>
12:00	12. Programming cycle	<i>Information point</i>
12:20	13. PMS S1 2021 report	<i>Information point</i>
12:50	14. Upcoming events	<i>Information point</i>
13:00	15. AOB	<i>Information point</i>
13:10	<i>End of the meeting</i>	

***EURES coordination group
meeting***

17 and 18 June 2021

Online meeting, link to follow

DRAFT PROGRAMME

version: 03-05-2021

17 March 2021

Tbc 9:20 Login

9:30 Virtual visit to Lisbon (actual target to be confirmed), courtesy of Portugal

Tbc 10.00 Start of meeting

1. Welcome and Intro Chair

1.1 Adoption of the agenda

1.2 Follow-up on action points from the last ECG meeting

1.3 Adoption of the minutes of the last ECG meeting

1.4 Latest developments

2 ECO transfer to ELA – State of play**3 Amending ECG rules of procedure**

- Decision

4 Data protection - Follow-up on the March meeting discussion on Members' and Partners' access to CV data**5 Ex-post evaluation (TBC)****6 EURES Communication**

Tbc 13.00 End of meeting, day 1

18 June 2021

Tbc 9:30 Login and "virtual coffee"

Tbc 10.00 Start of meeting

7 Portuguese labour market developments, presented by Portugal**8 Interoperability****9 Programming cycle****10 PMS****11 Cross-border networking opportunities to Members and Partners****12 Information points****13 AOB**

Tbc 13.00 End of meeting, day 2