

Concerted and Joint Inspections in 2023

Summary of the Annual Report on CJs (2023)



76 Concerted and joint inspections supported by ELA

40 Targeted inspections

Main sectors



Road Transport



Construction



Agriculture HORECA

Key statistics from enforcement activities



26 Member States engaged in CJs



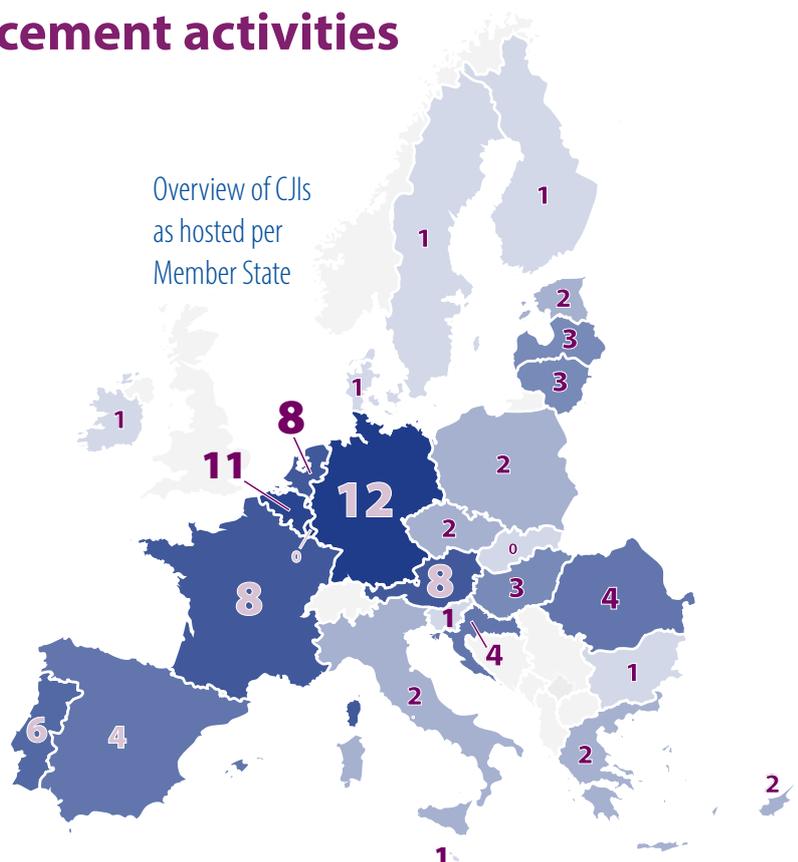
8400 workers checked



1103 companies checked



Annual focus on the Construction sector



Major trends identified during inspections

Violations of Posting Rules



Breaches of posting rules are commonly detected during cross-border inspections. This increasingly affects posted third-country nationals, who are also more exposed to irregular employment.

Undeclared work and other labour rights violations



ELA helps to enhance cross-border cooperation between EU enforcement authorities to effectively tackle undeclared work and other exploitative practices (e.g. under-payment/non-payment of wages).

Occupational Safety and Health violations



One of the most common issues found during CJIs in the construction sector are occupational health and safety violations that pertain to workplace safety and the well-being of employees.

Good practices and partnerships



Within the framework of the EMPACT Joint Action Days and in cooperation with other enforcement bodies (e.g. Europol), ELA coordinated joint actions targeting an international subcontracting chain of companies that were particularly engaged in, among others, social security fraud, non-genuine posting, letterbox companies, bogus self-employment and undeclared work.



ELA, in close cooperation with RoadPol, continued to support enforcement of EU road transport legislation, promote fair working conditions and road safety. In 2023, ELA and RoadPol organised three Weeks of actions within the framework of the "Truck and Bus" operations.



In one coordinated operation, 270 officers from 5 Member States inspected 36 ships on European rivers. Labour, customs, police and transport authorities from Austria, France, Germany, Slovakia, and the Netherlands were involved to jointly tackle serious labour rights violations of inland waterways ships crews.

ELA's role and support to cross-border inspections



- Helping to identify competent authorities, enhancing information exchange and facilitating cross-border cooperation (also via ELA National Liaison Officers)
- Organisation of preparatory meetings, briefings, debriefings, and follow-up meetings
- Full logistical support to cross-border inspections (e.g. transport, accommodation, deployment of experts)
- Interpretation and translation of case-related documents
- Analytical support to Concerted and Joint Inspections