



First meeting of the European Labour Authority Working Group on Information
17 February 2020

- Summary of deliberations -

The Experts appointed by the ELA Management Board met in Brussels on 17 February 2020 for the first meeting of the ELA Working Group on Information.

The meeting aimed at introducing the goals of the Working Group, presenting the state of play regarding the provision of information on labour mobility legislation at EU level, discussing the perspectives of the members of the Working Group on the challenges concerning the supply of information and agreeing on the planning of the meetings for the year 2020.

In its introductory remarks, the Authority presented the task of facilitating access to information to citizens and employers as laid down in the ELA Regulation, the activities envisaged in the Work Programme 2020 under this task and the purpose and objectives of the Working Group.

In the first part of the meeting, representatives from the Commission presented the state of play of the provision of information at EU level in the fields of free movement of workers, EURES, posting of workers and social security coordination. The Commission also presented the Your Europe website and the ongoing implementation of the single digital gateway.

In the second part of the meeting, the experts from the social partners and from two member States (Czechia and Sweden) presented their views on the main challenges concerning the provision of information at the EU level. The Authority introduced the sessions by presenting the key findings from the survey relating to the topic of the presentations that was conducted among members of the Group prior to the meeting (ELAWGINFO/2020/003).

The trade union experts highlighted among other things the need to provide specific information to workers, including on the possibility to lodge complaints and on how to contact social partners' representatives also concerning pay arrangements stemming from applicable collective agreements. The employers' representative also stressed the need for specific and reliable information sources for companies operating in other Member States, and put forward MISSOC as a useful tool providing synthetic and comparative information to companies on social security arrangements.

The following presentations by Czechia and Sweden touched upon the challenges of simplifying the sources of online information on labour mobility at the national level also taking into account the articulation of competences on labour mobility aspects across different administrative departments. Experts discussed the possibilities for the Authority to develop templates and guidelines to improve the layout of information, to support the translation of relevant webpages of national websites and to organise reviews of websites together with common users.

In the final session, the Authority presented the plan to tender a study on the improvement of EU sources of online information on labour mobility. It also presented the next meeting dates of the Working Group in 2020 and submitted for discussion possible topics for discussion.

The Working Group concluded that the agenda of the next meeting to be held on 26 May should include a focus on national website, notably with respect to the layout of collective agreements in single national websites on the posting of workers, as well as on the implementation of the translation facility offered by the ELA. The third meeting of the Working Group will be on 24 September.

Finally, the Working Group agreed that a workshop on road transport will be organised back to back with the fourth meeting of the Working Group on Information meeting scheduled on 4 December 2020.

The ELA will circulate the names and contact details of members among the Group.

Date of next meeting: 26 May 2020