Joining forces across borders to tackle undeclared work

Tackling undeclared work is primarily in the hands of national authorities, yet key players are joining forces to learn and act together across Europe.

“Cooperating with colleagues from other countries in joint activities such as staff visits and joint inspections helps us to better deal with undeclared work and promote fair working conditions.”

- Luísa Guimarães
Inspector General, Portugal
Co-chair of the Platform

European Platform tackling undeclared work, since 2016
51 members and observers from across Europe (including social partners, labour inspectorates, tax and social security authorities)

120 examples produced on inspiring and transferable practices
31 staff visits supported and joint activities organised in 14 countries
53 events organised (seminars, workshops and meetings)
103 learning resources available on the online virtual library
15 activities delivered per year

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- 25% in how they identify ‘risky’ employers
- 39% in deterrence and detection measures
- 52% in awareness raising and trust-building

“Discussions with peers who understand and have faced the same challenges truly triggers ideas and gives a fresh perspective.”

- Renārs Lūsis,
Director of Latvian State Labour Inspectorate
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2019
Establishment of the European Labour Authority (ELA) to support the enforcement of EU rules on labour mobility

2021
The European Platform tackling undeclared work to be integrated into ELA

*Annual survey of Platform activities 2019, European Platform tackling undeclared work