



European Platform tackling undeclared work

Outputs of the ninth plenary meeting of the European Platform tackling undeclared work 5-6 October 2020, virtual meeting

5 October 2020 – Thematic discussion on “Tackling undeclared work in the collaborative economy and related to new forms of work”
Separate report to follow.

6 October 2020 – Ordinary Plenary meeting

ITEM 1: Opening remarks by Chair of Platform and reporting from thematic discussion ‘Tackling undeclared work in the collaborative economy and related to new forms of work’
The Chair noted that the plenary meeting planned for March had been cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic but that exchange had taken place via email. The agenda was adopted.

A thematic expert presented the summary findings from the presentations and discussions from the thematic day. The floor was opened for additional discussion of the conclusions. The findings and conclusions will be presented in the separate report indicated above.

ITEM 2: #EU4FairWork campaign

The Chair noted that the campaign was launched on 2 March 2020 and runs until 16 October. The original Week of Action foreseen for 16-20 March was postponed to 21-25 September due to the pandemic. The Chair noted that undeclared workers were among those worst affected by the effects of the pandemic, making the campaign especially relevant. The Chair thanked the Platform representatives for their flexibility and adaptability, which has led to a successful campaign.

A Commission representative presented summary highlights from the social media activities that took place during the campaign. Platform representatives provided updates on their activities. Platform representatives were reminded to send campaign monitoring information by 15 October.

ITEM 3: Platform governance and Work Programme

The Chair presented a proposal to extend the mandate of the current Co-Chairs of the Platform (Renārs Lūsis, LV and Luísa Guimarães, PT) until 1 August 2021 at the latest to support a smooth transition period from the Platform to the European Labour Authority (ELA). The proposal was supported by the Platform members. The social partners proposed an extension of the current sectoral mix of social partner observers of the Platform until 1 August 2021. The proposal was supported by the Platform members.

The Chair updated that a new director of ELA will be appointed by the Management Board of ELA on 22 October, subject to approval by the European Parliament. The Chair also updated that ELA's work has begun, including engagement with the campaign, launching

working groups on information and inspections, transferring activities such as EURES, and a new translation facility.

A Commission representative presented the outcomes of the Platform's working group on the Work Programme 2021-2022, which included a representative of ELA Establishment Group. A new strategic priority on Communication was proposed. The draft Work Programme was adopted and will be published on the website of the Platform. The Work Programme will be valid until 1 August 2021, at which point the Management Board of ELA will take responsibility for its adoption and approval.

ITEM 4: Working group 'Holistic approaches to tackling undeclared work'

The Co-Chair of the Platform and leader of the working group, Luísa Guimarães, PT, presented the outcomes of the working group on holistic approaches, including a report with an annex on self-assessment. The report was adopted and will be published in the virtual library of the Platform.

ITEM 5: Information points

A Commission representative presented an update on this year's work programme activities. Updates were provided by a thematic expert and Platform representatives on the early warning signals of future trends in undeclared work report, the EL-CY joint activity and the BG Mutual Assistance Project. Additional presentations were made by CY on the project 'No Tolerance for Undeclared Work' and SE on the Nordic-Baltic project. All reports and learning resources from activities have been endorsed and will be published in the virtual library of the Platform.

ITEM 6: Thematic discussion – Social partners' involvement in tackling undeclared work

Presentations were made by EFBWW (also on behalf of FIEC), NO and DE on the benefits of involvement of social partners in actions to tackle undeclared work. Discussion took place on the added value social partners can bring and Platform representatives confirmed that social partners' position and role, their prerogatives and rights, make them key actors in the fight against undeclared work. The Chair reminded participants that further information on this aspect could enrich the upcoming thematic review workshop on 'Successful approaches of cooperation between labour inspectorates and social partners' (2021).

AOB – the next plenary meeting dates are 24-25 March 2021.
