

Strengthening the European Labour Authority

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The Commission has proposed strengthening the European Labour Authority's (ELA) mandate and enforcement capacity. ELA will be able to improve cross-border labour inspections, help resolve disputes between national authorities faster, provide better support to workers and employers and cover abuse of non-EU workers.

What will change



Personalised information and counselling

Able to fund organisations that advise people and employers on working or recruiting across Member States.

Better risk analysis

Access to more data sources to carry out risk analyses and help EU countries target labour inspections more effectively.



More efficient mediation

Simpler procedure to resolve disputes between EU countries on questions of labour mobility or social security coordination.

Covering non-EU workers

More third-country nationals living in the EU covered, including in joint and concerted inspections.



Why it matters

374

**cross-border labour
inspections coordinated**



checking over

25,000

workers



uncovering serious violations
such as **unpaid wages and
undeclared work**

535

unresolved SOLVIT cases
involving citizens' rights to work
and live across EU countries



75%

of inspections involved workers
from outside the EU



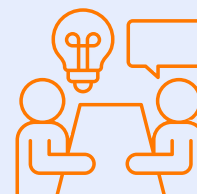
1 million

CVs on the EURES portal help
employers find talent across borders



1,000

EURES Advisers in 31 countries
provide advice to workers
and employers



Who will benefit



Workers

will benefit from stronger protection
at work, less risk of abuse, and easier
access to jobs in other EU countries.



Businesses

will benefit from increased support
and better protection from unfair
competition.



National administrations

will have better tools to apply
EU law and resolve cross-border
disputes.