What is this project about?
Working conditions in road haulage are a big issue in Europe. The reason is a relentless competition for contracts. Undertakings set up letterbox companies to circumvent social and quality standards of the countries in which the service is provided. The European Transport Workers’ Federation ETF and their member organisations need a current picture of European and national provisions concerning social conditions in the logistics sector. Therefore, the project will collect and compare provisions in collective bargaining agreements and in legislation applicable to the logistics sector in the European countries. The focus is on road transport on sector and company level.

What happens in this project?
The ETF and its member organisations will conduct a survey and workshops to collect data of social conditions in collective bargaining agreements and legislation in the logistics sector. The data shall include provisions regarding salaries and wages, employment contracts and working conditions. The trade unions compare and evaluate the data. During a Transfer Conference, the trade unions will present and discuss the obtained insights.

Result of the project
As a result, the partners will draft a study containing an overview of the provisions concerning social conditions in collective bargaining agreements and legislation in the logistics sector. Aspects of the European legal framework for social conditions, control and enforcement are included.

What are the benefits for the trade unions?
- Collection of statistical and empirical data on social conditions in the sector
- Better understanding of the national similarities and differences
- Support for a cooperative approach of the trade unions in Europe
- Supporting arguments for the trade union work
How can I get involved?

Trade unions are invited to answer the questionnaire, which will be sent by the project partners. A participation in the workshops and the final Conference is also possible.

Workshops

5-6 September 2018, Liège, Belgium
Trade Union and Workers representatives from Belgium, Netherlands, France and Germany
Languages: Dutch, French, English, German

13-14 November 2018, Flensburg, Germany
Trade Union and Workers representatives from Denmark and Germany
Languages: Danish, German

23-24 January 2019, Vienna, Austria
Trade Union and Workers representatives from Austria, Slovakia, Czech Republic, Poland and Germany
Languages: Czech-Slovakian, Polish, French/English, German

Information Transfer Conference

9 May 2019, Conference, Brussels/Berlin
Trade Union and Workers representatives from all European countries
Languages: English, French, German, Polish, Czech-Slovak + 1 additional language

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The project is financially supported by the EU. Participation is free of charge. Travel expenses are reimbursed.

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