

## **Framework for cooperation between the European Agency for Safety and Health at Work (EU-OSHA) and the European Labour Authority (ELA)**

1. This framework for cooperation between EU-OSHA<sup>1</sup> and ELA<sup>2</sup> aims at establishing effective arrangements to ensure synergies and complementarity between the two agencies, avoid duplication of activities and make a coordinated contribution, where relevant, to EU policy priorities and their implementation, in line with mandates of the agencies.
2. EU-OSHA's objective shall be to provide the Union institutions and bodies, the Member States, the social partners and other actors involved in the field of safety and health at work with relevant technical, scientific and economic information and qualified expertise in that field in order to improve the working environment as regards the protection of the safety and health of workers.
3. The aim of ELA is to assist the Member States and the Commission in the effective application and enforcement of Union law related to labour mobility and coordination of social security.
4. It is in the public interest as well as in the common interest of both agencies to ensure effective and efficient cooperation in relation to the collection, analysis, and dissemination of information on the protection of workers at work.
5. Both agencies will promote an active and on-going cooperation with each other. To this end, the two agencies will exchange drafts or outlines of their single programming document as early as possible and in any case before the final drafts are available. Their timely and effective review will seek to ensure coordination in regard to matters falling within the mutual interest of the agencies.
6. Cooperation will, where relevant, include but will not be limited to analysis of current trends in the world of work, the identification of related risks, the anticipation and foresight of corresponding challenges and opportunities, the health and safety challenges related to posting of workers and other forms of labour mobility, the development of digital tools and campaigns. Cooperation will, where relevant, include but will not be limited to information exchange, exchange of experience and good practices, including research and publication activities, other capacity building activities, dissemination of public information and publications related to each other's activities, invitations to meetings and conferences and sharing of expertise and experience.
7. Based on the single programming documents of the two agencies, a yearly meeting will take place to discuss and agree on a limited number of concrete activities for cooperation taking into account the availability of resources and other priorities. The relevant staff and the timetable will be identified for each of the actions agreed.

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<sup>1</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/126 establishing a European Agency for Safety and Health at Work

<sup>2</sup> Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 establishing a European Labour Authority

8. Both agencies will keep each other informed about communication activities that concern the areas of interest outlined in this agreement.
9. The two agencies have agreed to have mutual representation in the Management Boards.
10. Both agencies will nominate main contact persons to coordinate cooperation under this framework. In addition, both parties may upon agreement appoint further contact points for specified areas of common interest where relevant.
11. The framework for cooperation in no way affects the regulations establishing the two agencies and is not intended to be legally binding. Each agency bears the costs arising from their cooperation, unless agreed otherwise by them.

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