

Topic: EU Platform for tackling Undeclared Work

Brief description and main aims:

Preventing and deterring undeclared work contributes to better enforcement of EU and national laws, especially in the areas of employment, labour law, health and safety and coordination of national social security systems. As the challenges are common to Member States, and as undeclared work often has a cross-border dimension, EU level action can play an important role by reinforcing cooperation between enforcement authorities within and between different Member States in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work.

An EU Platform for tackling Undeclared Work was therefore launched in May 2016.

It brings together relevant national enforcement bodies such as labour and social security inspectorates, etc., as well as other stakeholders, such as EU-level representatives of employers including FIEC and workers.

It is foreseen that the EU Platform will be incorporated into the newly created European Labour Authority (ELA).

Why FIEC is dealing with this topic:

At EU level, undeclared work is defined as "*any paid activities that are lawful as regards their nature but not declared to public authorities, taking account differences in the regulatory systems of the Member States*".

The fact that it is not observed or registered, and defined differently in national legislation, makes it difficult to obtain reliable estimates of how widespread it is. However, the construction sector is considered as being particularly affected by this phenomenon and was therefore included amongst the priorities in the Work Programme of the Platform.

Actions and key dates:

12-13/3/2019 – Participation of FIEC in the Platform plenary meeting

24-25/10/2019 – Platform plenary meeting (FIEC not able to participate)

10/12/2019 – FIEC participates in Platform coordination seminar to prepare the prevention campaign of Spring 2020

02/03/2020 – Official launch of Platform prevention campaign – FIEC partner in the campaign (*see also TUVIC project*)