

The EIRO network

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- Industrial Relations Services (IRS/Eclipse), London

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- Institut für Soziologie, Universität Wien

BELGIUM

- Institut des Sciences du Travail, Université Catholique de Louvain

DENMARK

- Forskningscenter for Arbejdsmarkeds- og Organisationsstudier (FAOS), Sociologisk Institut, Københavns Universitet

FINLAND

- Työministeriö, Helsinki

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- Institut de recherches économiques et sociales (IRES), Noisy-Le-Grand

GERMANY

- Wirtschafts-und Sozialwissenschaftliches Institut (WSI) in der Hans-Böckler-Stiftung, Düsseldorf

GREECE

- Labour Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Labour (INE-GSEE), Athens

IRELAND

- Centre for Employment Relations and Organisational Performance, Graduate School of Business, University College Dublin
- Industrial Relations News, Dublin

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- Centro di Studi Economici Sociali e Sindacali (CESOS), Roma
- Fondazione Regionale Pietro Seveso, Milano
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- Forskningsstiftelsen FAFO, Oslo

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- Fundació Centre d'Iniciatives i Recerques Europees a la Mediterrània (CIREM), Barcelona
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- Industrial Relations Research Unit, University of Warwick

The European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions is an autonomous body of the European Union. It was established by a regulation of the EC Council of Ministers of 26 May 1975. This regulation was the result of joint deliberations between the social partners, national governments and Community institutions on the ways and means of solving the ever-growing problems associated with improving living and working conditions

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The European Industrial Relations Observatory

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The European Industrial Relations Observatory received the Jason Farradane Award in 1998 from the Institute of Information Scientists (UK) for "an outstanding and original work".

What is EIROOnline?

Created in 1997 by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, *EIROOnline* is a web-based database produced by the European Industrial Relations Observatory. *EIROOnline* contains up-to-date data and analysis on developments in areas such as collective bargaining, social dialogue, employment, work organisation, industrial disputes, pay, working time and social partner activity.

EIROOnline is available on the Internet and can be accessed free-of-charge directly from your personal computer. Simply key in:

<http://www.eiro.eurofound.ie/>

Coverage

EIROOnline contains information on events and issues in industrial relations in each of the 15 EU Member States and Norway, plus a European overview. A network of 16 National Centres and an EU-level centre submit information to the Foundation, where it is edited, processed and entered into the *EIROOnline* database.

The data is divided into "in-briefs" and "features". There are also regular comparative studies, annual updates and an annual review. The information is easy to retrieve by searching or browsing by month or country. All articles are indexed.

Audience

EIROOnline is targeted primarily at practitioners and policy-makers among the social partners, national governments and European institutions. However, the contents are equally useful for researchers and all those interested in European affairs.

Comparative studies

These are overviews on topics of major significance in EU countries. Recent studies have covered:

- teleworking
- working time flexibility
- industrial relations in SMEs
- the Europeanisation of collective bargaining
- the EU parental leave agreement and Directive
- collective bargaining on employment
- board-level employee representation

Key features

- hypertext links to relevant articles in the database and to supporting documents (legislation, collective agreements, etc)
- links to references from EMIRE – the Foundation's electronic edition of the Employment and Industrial Relations Glossaries
- powerful search and retrieval facility on full text and indexed terms
- database updated weekly – over 70 new records added each month
- electronic version of *EIROObserver*, the bi-monthly bulletin, may be downloaded and printed from your own pc
- "related sites" section contains links to hundreds of useful websites in Europe and worldwide
- users can register to receive automatic information by e-mail

European Industrial Relations Observatory

The European Industrial Relations Observatory (EIRO) is a major project of the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions, set up at the request of the European Commission. Its aim is to provide authoritative and up-to-date information and analysis on industrial relations in the Member States of the EU. *EIROOnline* is its main product. The information on *EIROOnline* is monitored continually by a Steering Committee of representatives of the social partners, governments and EU institutions which ensures relevance and accuracy.

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