



European Foundation
for the Improvement
of Living and Working
Conditions

The tripartite EU Agency providing knowledge
to assist in the development of better social,
employment and work-related policies

Eurofound presentation to the European Parliament Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

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Eurofound adapts to new priorities and delivers work programme



Eurofound first with analysis on cost of living surge

Agile as used our own data

- National Correspondents and e-survey data: **Eurofound first to provide a comprehensive analysis** on impact of cost-of-living crisis

Monitoring impact of migration on EU public services and labour market

- Creation of **NEW Ukraine country profile** and reliable up-to-date database **EUPolicyWatch** with NEW hub for Ukraine on Eurofound website

Focused on impact of high inflation on EU

- Particular **attention to vulnerable groups** and introduction of national measures in the EU as cost of living rises.



Rising cost of living

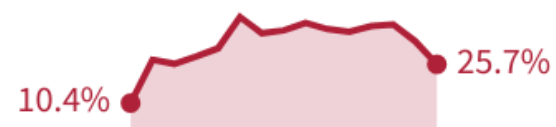
Cost of living metric

April 2021 - December 2022

Euro area annual inflation rate



Energy price inflation rate

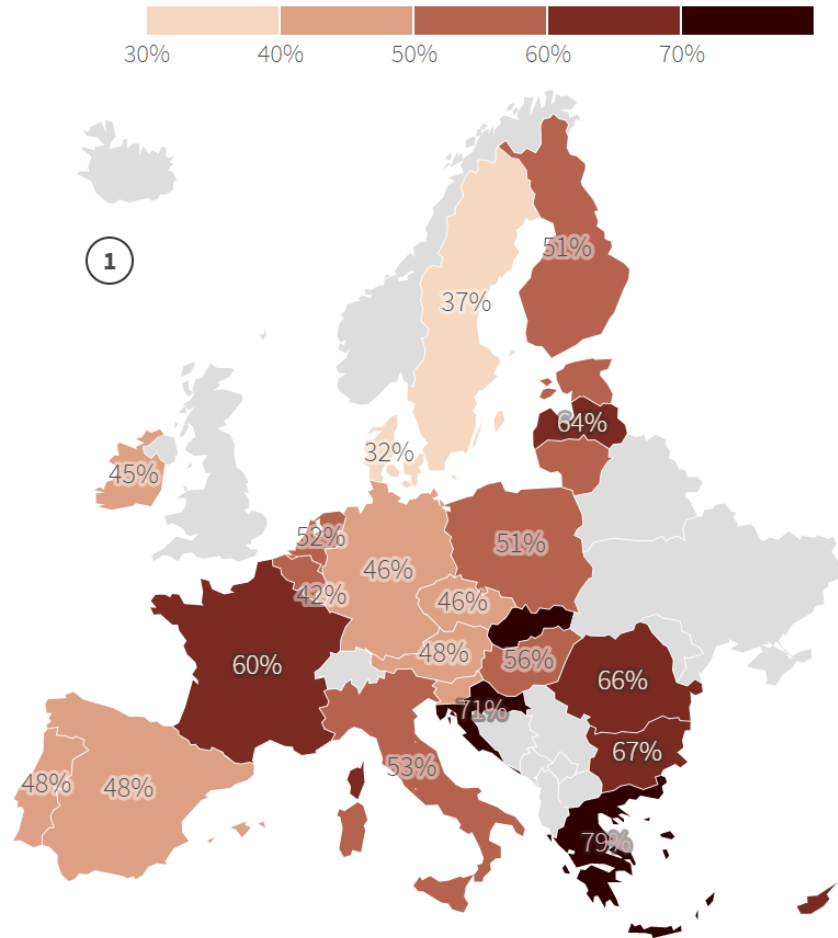


Difficulty in making ends meet



Source: Fifth round of the Living, working and COVID-19 e-survey: Living in a new era of uncertainty, Eurostat (2022), Euroindicators No. 2, 6 January 2023

Struggling to make ends meet



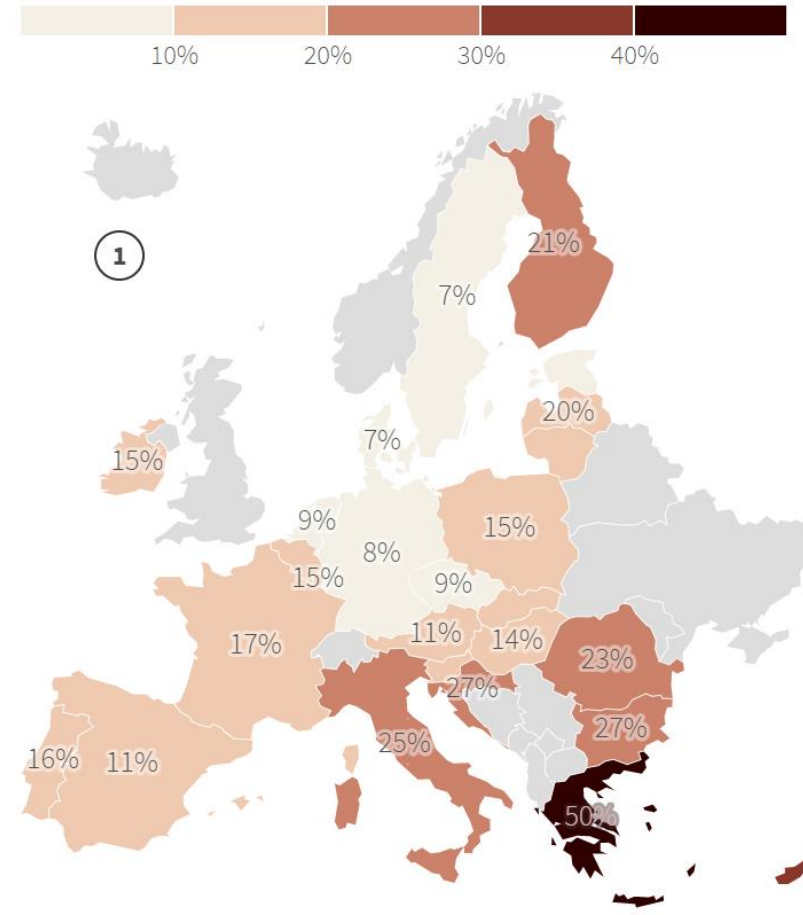
1 53% average for EU27



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Utility bills

In arrears



1 15.9% average arrears for EU27

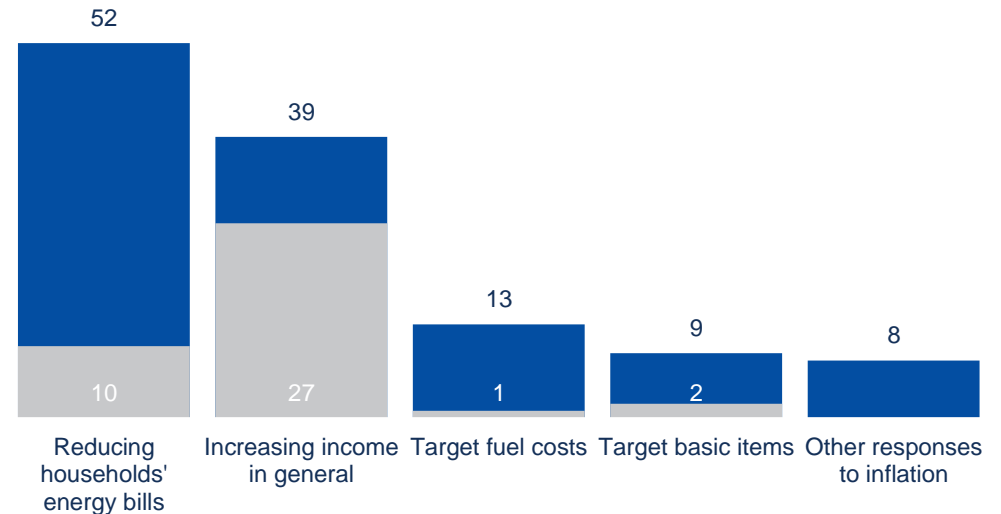


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EU PolicyWatch – Monitoring policies to cushion impact of rising inflation and energy prices

Most measures relate to all citizens (41%), while a third of the measures are targeted and commonly aimed at families, people on low incomes or on social benefits

Since March 2022, the EU PolicyWatch database has recorded 121 policies to cushion the **impacts of rising energy prices**



Measures highlighted in grey are targeted at specific groups of citizens.

Some measures are also targeted at workers.

Source: Eurofound EU PolicyWatch, 13 January 2023,

<https://eurofound.link/EUPolicyWatch>

Full delivery of work programme 2022: Some highlights

E-survey, Living, working and COVID-19	Youth	Telework, R2D	Gender	Child Guarantee	Care	EWCTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fifth round of the <u>Living, working and COVID-19 e-survey Living in a new era of uncertainty</u>• Joint report with ETF: survey piloted in 10 neighbouring countries• EU PolicyWatch online database	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Input and collaboration to #EY Youth• Joint event with EP EMPL Committee and five agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report: <u>Telework in the EU: Regulatory frameworks and recent updates</u>• <u>Telework in the EU: Regulatory frameworks and recent updates</u>• <u>Do we really have the right to disconnect?</u>• <u>Is telework really a green choice?</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New research reveals underlying challenges for gender (EWCTS 2022)• Collaboration with EIGE (Gender Equality Forum), webinar, podcast; Joint research on platform work; and gender and age• Report on <u>Investigating the gender divide in the aftermath of COVID-19</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Input to hearing on Child Guarantee National Action Plans• Preparations underway for contribution to ES Presidency and EP for 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• EU Care strategy• #EurofoundLIVE webinar on Building a stronger Europe - Making the European Care Strategy work• <u>Social dialogue and collective bargaining in the hospital sector during the COVID-19 pandemic</u>• <u>Forthcoming European Care Strategy must look towards the future</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Working conditions in the time of COVID-19: Implications for the future (European Working Conditions Survey) Nov. 2022

Stronger EU partnerships and cooperation

EU Agencies

- CEDEFOP, EIGE, ETF, EU-OSHA, JRC, FRA, ELA, EEA, ECDC
- EU Agencies Network

EU institutions

- EP (+EPRS, IPOL), EC, EU Presidencies of the Council (SE, ES), EUI

International organisations and others

- ILO, OECD, social partners



Youth first!

EMPLOYMENT, SKILLS
AND SOCIAL POLICIES
THAT WORK FOR YOUNG
EUROPEANS IN TIMES
OF UNCERTAINTY

8 September 2022 10:00-13:00 (CEST)
European Parliament/Spinelli 1E2



CEDEFOP Eurofound European Agency for Safety and Health at Work ETF ELA

3:00 PM · Aug 25, 2022 · Hootsuite Inc.

2022: Collaborating actively with the European Parliament

- **EP EMPL Committee delegation visit to Eurofound**
April 2022
 - Social cohesion, COVID-19 recovery, impact inflation and cost of living, telework, care, Twin transitions
- **Joint event with EPLO (Dublin) European Year of Youth and Europe Day, May 2022**
- **Joint event EP EMPL Committee and five agencies on Youth First! Sept 2022**
- **Eurofound expertise/knowledge supported EP policy and legislative work on a range of topics**
 - Platform, work, care, European works council, mental health, social economy, people with disabilities, gender, youth, and health and safety
- **Continuous cooperation with EP policy and research departments - providing comprehensive support**

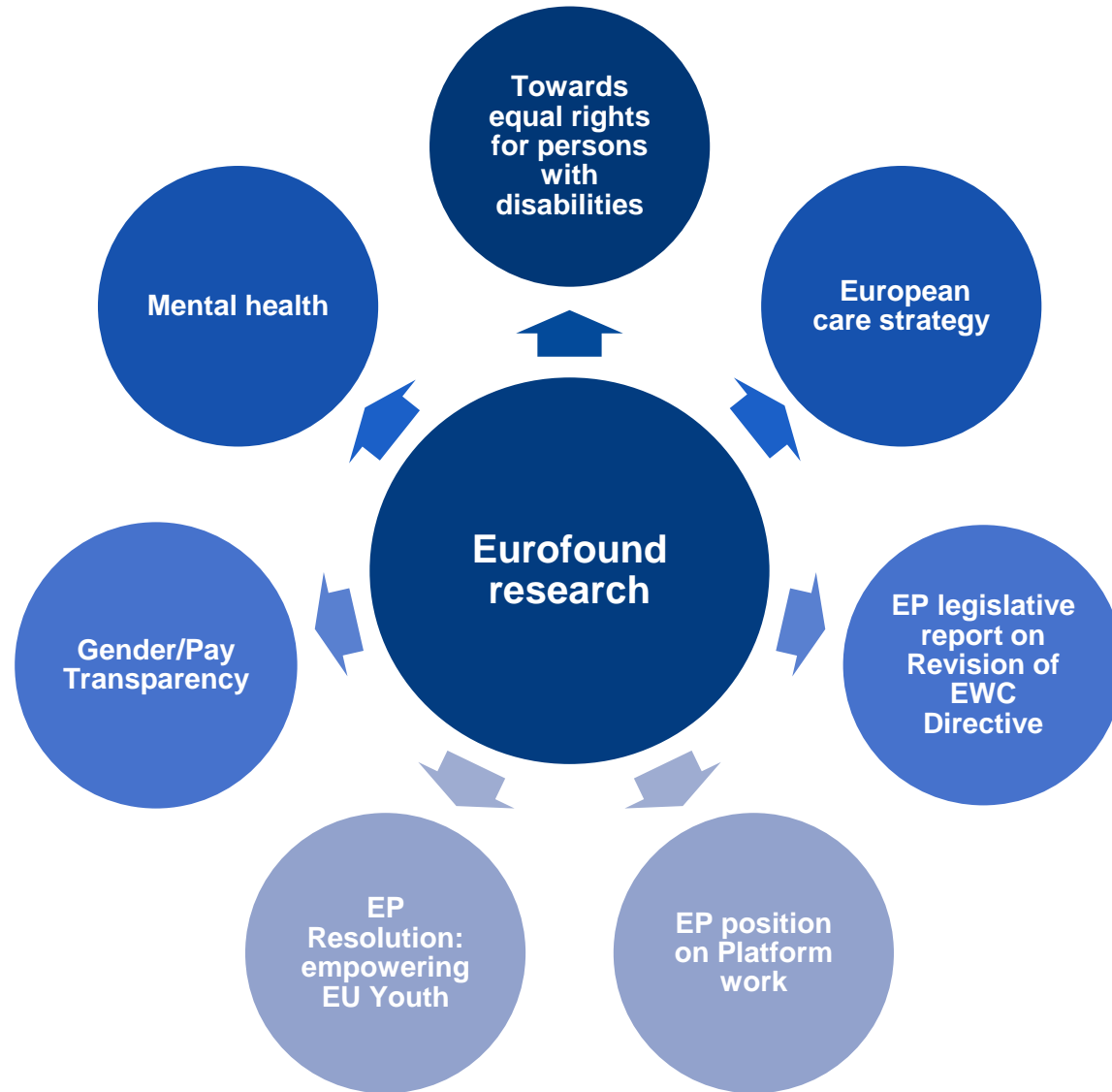


★ **Commitment to provide ongoing support** to MEPs preparing resolutions; to groups; and EMPL Committee

Eurofound research supports EU evidenced-based policymaking

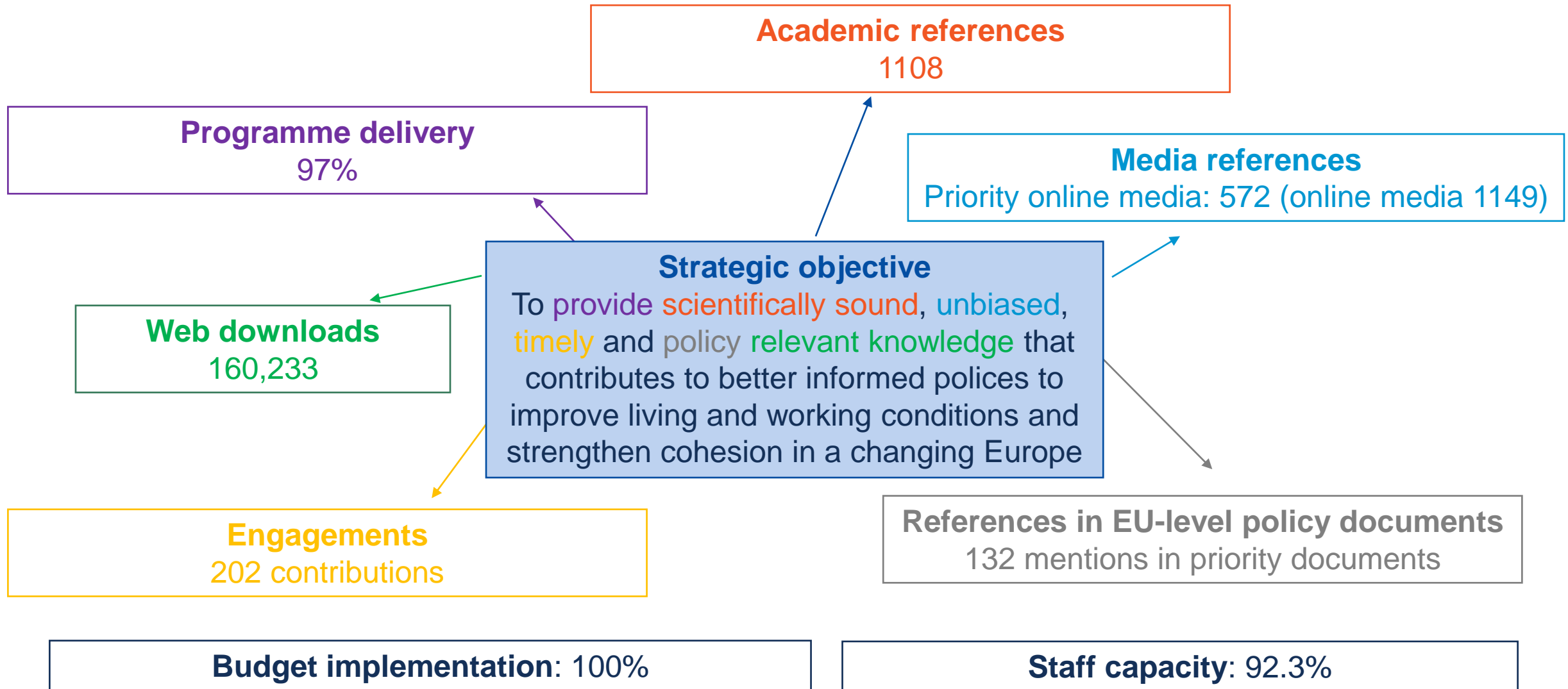
Eurofound in 2022:

- ✓ 97% Programme delivery
- ✓ 30 publications
- ✓ Over 2.7m page views on website



- ✓ 45 documents for European Parliament reports/studies/resolutions
- ✓ Over 20 initiatives, preparatory documents European Commission
- ✓ EPSCO and Council of Ministers, EU Presidencies
- ✓ ILO and OECD

Eurofound performance 2022



Take-up of knowledge from Eurofound website

Web traffic 2022

2.1 million page views *

134 thousand downloads *

Top downloaded reports 2022

Title	Downloads
Fifth round of the Living, working and COVID-19 e-survey: Living in a new era of uncertainty	2.3 thousand
Living and working in Europe 2021	1.6 thousand
Telework in the EU: Regulatory frameworks and recent updates	1.4 thousand
Minimum wages in 2022: Annual review	1.2 thousand
Working conditions in the time of COVID-19: Implications for the future	1.2 thousand

* The introduction of a cookie consent banner in 2022 to ensure GDPR compliance had significant impact on these figures, which are therefore not comparable to previous years. Corrected figures: 2.7M page views, 160,000 downloads.

Eurofound adapted budget to external change



High inflation and cost of living in Ireland required substantial shift in resources in operational budget and the staff-related title



Targeted savings allowed Eurofound to deliver fully on its 2022 work programme



Future will be challenging to ensure rapid responses, while maintaining own high quality data collection, on a budget linked to priorities of past decade.

Priorities 2023

- **Cost of living** and impact of inflation
- Stand with **Ukraine**
- **Mental health**
- **Care**
- **Child Guarantee**
- European Year of **Skills 2023**
- **Twin transitions**: Green and Digital
- European Working Conditions Telephone Survey (**EWCTS**)
- European Pillar of Social Rights



- **Ongoing collaboration and provision of knowledge and expertise** to EU Institutions and Agencies
- #EurofoundTalks Podcasts
- #AskTheExpert and #EurofoundLive webinars
- External and own events
- Blogs, data stories

Thank you