

Supporting Migrants' integration into the Labour Market

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22 and 23 October 2025

Interpretation: English, French, Passive Dutch
Day 1: 09:30 – 16:30 | Day 2: 09:30 – 13:00

Agenda

Day 1 – Wednesday, 22 October 2025

09:30 – 09:45	Welcome and introduction Giulio Romani, Confederal Secretary, ETUC Koen Meesters, National Political Secretary ACV/CSC
09:45 – 11:00	Migrants' labour market integration in Belgium: context and challenges – Focus on TCNs single permit holders Presentation by Dries Lens, Academic researcher, Labour migration, University of Antwerp Moderator: Stefaan Peirsman, ACV/CSC
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	European Labour Authority: how can trade unions strengthen their cooperation with ELA? <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Germana Viglietta, Brussels Liaison Officer, ELA- Karel De Ridder, ELA former National Liaison Officer Belgium Q&A
12:30 – 13:45	<i>Lunch Break</i>

13:45 – 14:45	<p>TCNs posted workers in Belgium and in the EU: challenges and recommendations</p> <p>Presentation by</p> <p>Frederic De Wispelaere, Academic researcher, Posted workers, KU Leuven HIVA</p>
14:45 – 15:30	<p>Role of Belgian Inspection in protecting migrant workers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Bart Stalpaert, Director, Social Information and Investigation Service (SIOD) in Belgium and Co-Chair of the Undeclared Work Platform ELA - Ludovica Banfi, Project Manager, Justice, Digital and Migration Unit, EU Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)
15:30 – 16:45	<p>Borealis Case</p> <p>Lessons learned: trade union perspective</p> <p>“Qatar in Belgium” documentary on the Borealis case</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan Buelens, Progress Lawyers Network - Bart Vannetelbosch, National Secretary ACV/CSC
16:45 – 17:00	<p>End of 1st Day</p>

Day 2 – Thursday, 23 October 2025

09:30 – 09:45	<p>Welcome and introduction of Day 2</p> <p>Stefaan Peirsman, ACV/CSC</p>
09:45 – 11:00	<p>Roundtable discussion</p> <p>Integration in practice – supporting migrants’ locally</p> <p><i>Sharing initiatives, good practices, collaboration examples and services provided by trade unions, NGOs, social partners in Belgium and beyond</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jan Knockaert, Coordinator, Fairwork Belgium

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Didier Vanderslycke, Director ORBIT, network of NGOs and trade unions migrant workers' protection - Eliane Friess, Project Officer, Service Centre against Labour Exploitation, Forced Labour and Human Trafficking, Arbeit und Leben Berlin-Brandenburg DGB, Germany - Sonja Šarac, Project Manager LABOUR-INT III, Slovenia - Gianni Duvillier, Advisor, Labour Migration, VOKA, Flanders' Chamber of Commerce and Industry <p>Open discussion</p>
11:00 – 11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11:30 – 12:30	<p>Roundtable discussion From Local to EU: How to strengthen Trade Union capacity</p> <p>Open discussion Moderator: Mercedes Miletta, Senior Policy Advisor, Migration, ETUC</p>
12:30 – 13:00	<p>Conclusions</p> <p>Marie-Hélène Ska, General Secretary ACV/CSC</p>
13:00 – 14:00	<p><i>End of the meeting</i> <i>Lunch</i></p>