



Supporting the Public Services Sector  
for Establishing and Promoting EWCs

# EUROPEAN WORKS COUNCILS IN THE PUBLIC SERVICES SECTOR

The European Works Councils (EEC) are representative bodies of workers at European level that aim to promote information and consultation of employees in companies or groups of companies that operate in more than one country of the European Union (EU). These committees are regulated by Directive 2009/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council and are an important part of European labor law with regard to employee participation in business decision-making.

In the public services sector, as in other sectors, European Works Councils can play an important role. Public services, which include areas such as health, education, public transport and other essential services, often involve workers in multiple EU countries, whether in public or private companies operating in this field. EWCs in the public services sector can address issues related to working conditions, safety at work, training, gender equality and other issues of relevance to workers in this sector across Europe.

The creation and operation of a European Works Council in the public services sector may vary depending on the national legislation of each country and the structure of the company or group of companies in question. However, in general, these committees are tasked with fostering cross-border communication and cooperation between workers and company management, in order to address labor and business issues at European level.

It is important to note that the regulation of European Works Councils may have evolved since my last update in September 2021, so it is advisable to consult the most recent legislation and regulations of the European Union and the countries involved for information. updated on this topic.

