

## Topic title: European Labour Authority

### Brief description and main aims:

In March 2018 the European Commission presented a proposal for setting up a new European Labour Authority (ELA).

The main aims of the ELA are: improving the access to information by individuals and employers about their rights and obligations in the areas of labour mobility and social security coordination; strengthening operational cooperation between authorities in the cross-border enforcement of relevant Union law, including facilitating joint inspections; providing mediation and facilitating solutions in cases of disputes between national authorities.

<https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=1414&langId=en>

### Why FIEC is dealing with this issue/topic and their objective(s):

Mobility within the Internal Market is an issue of crucial importance for construction companies. It is also a source of fraudulent practices amongst others because of the difficulties in the controls and the lack of coordination between public authorities, which affects genuine companies and the possibility for them to act on a level playing field.

Several existing bodies that are dealing with mobility-related issues (Committee of Experts on Posting, EU Platform against Undeclared Work...) in which FIEC is currently sitting will be incorporated in the ELA. It is therefore of crucial importance for FIEC to ensure its presence in this new Authority.

### Actions and key dates :

**13/3/2018** – Initial proposal of the European Commission

**05/7/2018** – FIEC position paper

**14/2/2019** – Agreement between the European Parliament and the Council on the setting up of the ELA



### FIEC position on the proposed Regulations establishing a «European Labour Authority» - COM(2018)131

FIEC supports the free movement of services and workers within the Internal Market and therefore welcomes any initiative aiming at ensuring a better and a fair mobility. Geographic mobility within the EU provides new market opportunities for companies, employment opportunities for job seekers and can provide answers to the growing skills shortages and mismatches that can be observed in various Member States.