



SPLIN “Fair working conditions: exploring the contribution of cooperation initiatives between Social Partners and Labour Inspection authorities”

Online Final Conference

Thursday February, 11, 2021, 10:00-16:00 CET

Safeguarding labour standards through co-enforcement

SPLIN investigated the role of social partner organisations in inspecting and enforcing labour standards, often in cooperation with labour inspectorates or other enforcement institutions. Two industries were in the focus of research: construction where innovative examples of co-enforcement in Austria, Poland and Spain/Asturias were found, as well as maritime shipping where the activities of the ITF inspectorate network and its cooperation with national authorities (port state control and labour inspectorates) and unions in Spain, Finland and Poland were scrutinised.

In both sectors promising outcomes in terms of improving health and safety compliance and regulations, targeted and efficient inspections of bogus self-employment and underpayment, and in terms of better informing employers and workers about rights, standards, and obligations concerning

OHS, wages, and other working conditions could be achieved. Efficient cooperation between social partners and inspectorates was a key success factor. In this sense, the actions can serve as good and exemplary practices to counteract and reduce fraudulent practices.

The final conference assembles all project partners and participants, including representatives of social partner institutions, labour inspectors and researchers to discuss project outcomes and conclusions for policies aiming at sustainably and effectively enforce labour standards in sectors prone to problematic working conditions. In dialogue with key stakeholders from academics, EU-level, and ILO, the final conference shall give the floor to share, disseminate and critically assess SPLIN findings.

The conference will be held online and provide simultaneous interpretation into German, Polish, English, Spanish.

Please click here to register for the SPLIN Final Conference: <http://splin.forba.at/registration/>

All publications of the SPLIN project can be found on the project website: <http://splin.forba.at/>



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

9:30-10:00	Technical Check and Check-in
10:00-10:15	Opening of the conference Bettina Haidinger (FORBA, Austria) Kristine Krivmane (Sectoral Social Dialogue, EC, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion)
10:15-10:35	Key note speech: Co-enforcement in theory – expanding policy possibilities? Matthew Amengual (Oxford University, Saïd Business School, UK)
10:35-10:45	Q&A
10:50-11:05	Co-enforcement in the construction industry – findings from Austria, Poland and Spain Pablo Sanz de Miguel (Notus-asr, Spain)
11:05-11:20	The inspectorate network of the International Transport Workers Federation: A comparison of a transnational union enforcement action in Finland, Poland and Spain Sanna Saksela-Bergholm (University of Jyväskylä, Finland)
11:20-11:35	Labour law enforcement through labour inspection - Global law and practice perspective Joaquim Pintado Nunes (International Labour Organization, ILO)
11:35-12:00	Q&A
12:00-13:00	Lunch Break

PRACTITIONERS' POINT OF VIEW WITH STAKEHOLDERS FROM SPLIN – ROUNDTABLES

13:00-14:10	Roundtable I: What is needed to fix enforcement of decent labour standards? What can social partners contribute? A practitioners' assessment from the construction sector Chair: Pablo Sanz de Miguel (Notus-asr, Spain) Panelists: Rainer Grießl (Bauarbeiter-Urlaubs- und Abfertigungskasse, BUAK, Austria) Jakub Kus (Związek Zawodowy Budowlani, Poland) Luis Santos del Valle (Comisión de Seguridad y Prevención de Riesgos Laborales y Contratación, COPREVAS/Fundación Laboral de la Construcción de Asturias, FLC, Spain) Tom Deleu (European Federation of Building and Woodworkers, EFBWW) N.N. (European Construction Industry Federation, FIEC, tbc)
14:10-14:20	Break
14:20-15:30	Roundtable II: Lessons from Labour Standard Enforcement in Maritime Shipping Chair: Nathan Lillie (University of Jyväskylä, Finland) Panelists: Luz Baz (ITF Coordinator, Spain) Estelle Brentnall (European Transport Workers' Federation, ETF) Martin Dorsman (European Community Shipowners' Associations, ECSA) Jaime Gonzalez-Gil (European Maritime Safety Agency, EMSA) Steve Trowsdale (International Transport Workers' Federation, ITF, tbc.)
15:30-16:00	Concluding session: potentials of co-enforcement measures Bettina Haidinger (FORBA, Austria): Co-enforcement lessons learned from the SPLIN transferability workshops Krzysztof Bandasz (European Labour Authority, ELA): The role of the European Labour Authority and some lessons learnt in tackling undeclared work Q&A Closing words Bettina Haidinger (FORBA, Austria)