



# EUROPEAN PLATFORM TACKLING UNDECLARED WORK

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The Commission defines undeclared work as

**"any paid activities that are lawful as regards their nature but not declared to the public authorities, taking into account differences in the regulatory systems of the Member States".**



## Supply vs. Demand

- **4 %** of Europeans performed undeclared work
- **300 €** - median annual income from undeclared work

- **11 %** of Europeans purchased goods or services involving UDW
- **200 €** - median expenditure on undeclared goods and services



Fair  
competition

Workers  
protection

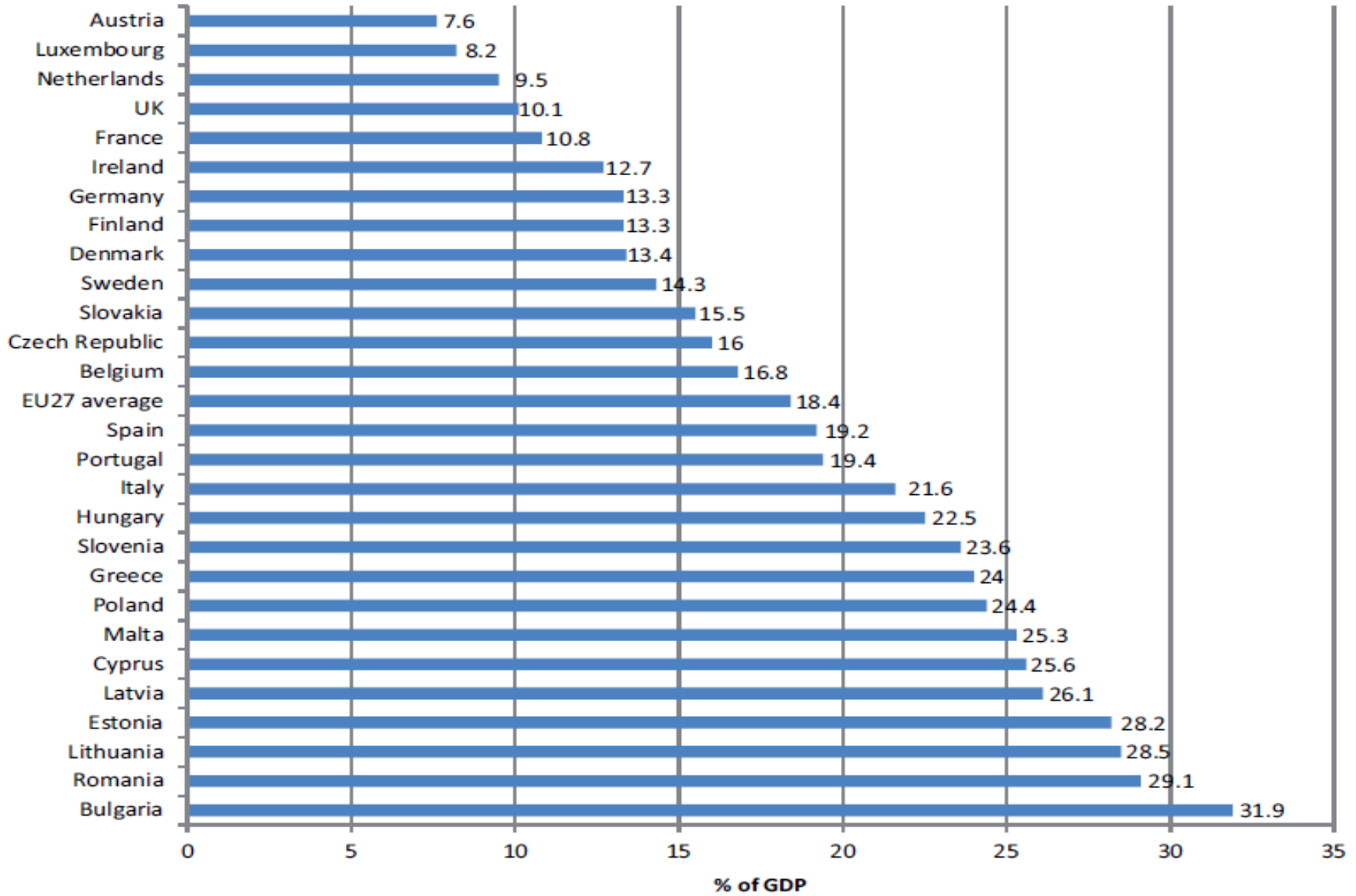
Taxes &  
social  
security

# In all the Member States



European  
Commission

*Source: Eurofound 2013*





**Agriculture**  
**Construction**  
**Cleaning**  
**HoReCa**  
**Household and  
care services**

**Repair Services**  
**Security**  
**Tourism**  
**Trade/Retail**  
**Transport**

# Multiplicity of actors



Health and safety  
Working conditions

**Labour Inspectorate / Other relevant authority  
Social Partners**

Social security contributions  
Pension rights  
Access to healthcare

**Social Security Authority**

Taxes  
Budgetary implications

**Tax Authority**

Employment rate  
Productivity  
Skills development  
Lifelong learning

**Employment Policy**

Undeclared work by (illegally residing) third country nationals

**Migration Authority**

Civil and criminal law

**Administrative/ Judiciary Authority**



- Challenges posed by UDW are **common to all MS**
- Difficulties in tackling **cross-border aspects**  
Traditional mechanisms tailored to domestic aspects of UDW
- **Insufficient cooperation** between Member States (knowledge, experience, data, good practice, ...)
- Fighting UDW contributes to **better enforcement of EU and national law**
- Contribution to **Europe 2020 strategy**





- Contribute to **more effective Union and national actions** incl. better enforcement of law
- Enhancing **cooperation** between different relevant authorities and other actors
- Improving **Member States' authorities and actors' capacity** to tackle cross-border aspects of UDW
- Increasing **public awareness** of the urgent need for appropriate action and encourage MS to **step up their efforts** in tackling UDW



## OBSERVERS

- 14 representatives of sectoral social partners representing the sectors most affected by UDW (7+7)
- Eurofound, EU-OSHA, ILO
- EEA-states

## MEMBERS

- Member States' senior representatives
- 4 representatives of EU level cross-industry social partners
- Commission



## Cooperation and joint action

- tools for labour inspectorates
- facilitating cross-border cooperation
- support capacity building

## Mutual learning

- learning activities
- information exchange

## Increasing knowledge

- facts, figures, concepts
- policy approaches



Cooperation and joint action	Activities
<b>Tools for labour inspectorates and competent authorities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Joint awareness raising campaign or sector specific campaigns</li> </ul>
<b>Facilitating cross-border cooperation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Exchange of staff and joint trainings</li> <li>▪ Feasibility study on extension of IMI system to UDW</li> </ul>
<b>Support capacity building</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mutual Assistance</li> <li>▪ National seminars</li> </ul>
Mutual Learning	Activities
<b>Learning activities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Seminar exploring different tools/ approaches to deal with UDW in construction sector</li> <li>▪ Seminar exploring different tools/ approaches to deal with UDW transport sector</li> <li>▪ Thematic review on data mining for more efficient enforcement</li> <li>▪ Thematic review on developing bilateral agreements/memorandum of understanding/etc.</li> </ul>
<b>Information exchange</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Study on practices of Enforcement Bodies to detect and prevent bogus self-employment/disguised employment</li> <li>▪ Evasion of taxes and social security contributions tbd in 2017</li> <li>▪ Seminar: How to identify 'Letterbox companies'?</li> <li>▪ Study on under-declaring work, falsely declaring work</li> <li>▪ Inventory of the various digital tools used</li> </ul>



Increasing knowledge	Activities
<b>Facts – Figures – Concepts</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Small-scale study compiling existing sources/information material</li><li>▪ Small-scale study on new UDW developments and trends</li><li>▪ Overview of organisational characteristics of national enforcement bodies (survey)</li><li>▪ Developing an assessment framework for assessing organisational models of enforcement bodies tbd in 2017</li><li>▪ UDW shared definitions and common concepts tbd in 2017</li></ul>
<b>Policy approaches</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Elements of preventive approaches (tbd in 2017)</li><li>▪ National approaches to fight UDW, legal and institutional framework to fight UDW (survey)</li><li>▪ Success stories – Lessons from companies experiences (working group)</li><li>▪ Regular updates on new policy developments, modernisation of laws and rules, legal framework (plenary)</li></ul>

# European Platform Timeline



**11 March**

Entry into force  
OJ L 65

**10 October**

Adoption of the  
rules of  
procedure and  
work programme

**27 May**

High level  
launch

Start of  
activities

*Thank you*