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- Ca' Foscari University of Venice (Italy)
- Centre of Social and Psychological Sciences, Slovak Academy of Sciences (Slovakia)
- Centre of Migration Research, University of Warsaw (Poland)
- Association for Research, Communications and Development "Public" (North Macedonia)
- Center for Social Policy (Serbia)
- University of Primorska (Slovenia)

ASSOCIATE ORGANIZATIONS

- Kammer für Arbeiter und Angestellte, Wien (Chamber of Labour) – Austria
- Federazione Italiana Lavoratori Legno Edilizia E Affini Cgil (trade union) – Italy
- Federazione Italiana Lavoratori Dei Trasporti Cgil (trade union) – Italy
- Ispettorato Interregionale Del Lavoro Di Emilia Romagna, Friuli Venezia Giulia, Marche, Veneto (labour inspectorate) – Italy
- Odborový zväz KOVO (Metal Workers Union) – Slovakia
- Ministry of Labour and Social Policy – North Macedonia
- Trade Union of Civil Engineering, Industry and Planning of Republic of Macedonia – North Macedonia
- Ministry of Labour, Employment, Veteran and Social Affairs – Serbia
- Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia – Serbia
- Trade Union Confederation "Nezavisnost" – Serbia
- Confederation of Trade Unions of Slovenia Pergam – Slovenia
- The Association of Free Trade Unions of Slovenia (Zveza Svobodnih Sindikatov Slovenije) – Slovenia
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Slovenia – Slovenia

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POWBRIDGE

Bridging the gap between legislation and practice in the posting of workers



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ABOUT THE PROJECT

TRANSNATIONAL DIMENSION

MAIN DELIVERABLES

The **central goals** of POW-Bridge are to study possible **gaps** between *procedures* (legal basis) and *practices* (experiences) in the rules governing the posting of workers, to **identify challenges** and to **develop** and **share effective solutions** for posting companies and agencies tasked with enforcing posting legislation. Thereby, a particular focus is on the possible challenges resulting from interactions between the revised posting Directive passed in 2018 and other EU and national legislation.

The core activities are

- Transnational cooperation (improving cross-border collaboration between stakeholders and promoting employer involvement in evidence-based policy-making)
- Comparative research (analysing and comparing the situation in different countries)
- Information dissemination (providing policy makers, enforcement agencies, employers and other stakeholders with research results)

Thereby, POW-Bridge supports an inclusive, participatory and transparent implementation process of the 2018 Posting Directive.

POW-Bridge covers **eight countries** across Europe (Austria, Slovenia, Italy, Slovakia, Hungary, Poland, Serbia and North Macedonia). The countries include sending and receiving countries as well as EU member states and candidate countries. The project is carried out by seven project partners and several associated organisations located in these countries.

The partners and invited representatives of public authorities and social partners will participate in *Mutual Learning Labs* to **discuss challenges** to enacting the posting legislation and to **develop policy recommendations**. A final conference in Venice in 2021 will bring together all participating partners and external policy experts to discuss and disseminate the project's findings.

- Two **Mutual Learning Labs** to support knowledge exchange between sending and receiving countries
- Three **e-newsletters** with information on project activities
- Eight **country reports** examining national legislation that regulate posting companies in the areas of social security, health insurance, temporary agency work, and company law
- One **comparative working paper**
- Eight **policy briefs** aiming to translate knowledge and findings to policy-makers, social partners and the general public
- Eight **video podcasts** showing the steps that posting companies have to follow in the application of national and EU legislation
- Final **international conference**