

Dear EURIEC-partner,

The past period has been a special one for EURIEC. The phase when EURIEC was funded by the European Union has now officially ended. This gives us a moment to reflect at the much and useful work done during the first four years. Of course, we also look at what can be done differently and better in the future. Because we are happy to report that EURIEC will continue in 2024. You will soon receive more news about the work of the future EURIEC.

It is also a moment of farewell for me. After a great time as head of (EU)RIEC, I am retiring. I am happy to hand over my tasks to Gert Wibbelink. He will start on 1 January 2024.

Kind regards,



Rob Hutschemaekers
Head of EURIEC

INTERNATIONAL BARRIER MODEL AGAINST THE EXPLOITATION OF MIGRANT WORKERS

EURIEC is proud to present the newly developed international barrier model against the exploitation of migrant workers. This barrier model provides our partners and other interested parties with a clear comparative overview of the powers and regulations in Belgium, the Netherlands and North Rhine-Westphalia on matters affecting the housing and employment of labour migrants. It is a reference work, in which you can easily look up what regulations exist in the three countries and which organisations deal with them.

EURIEC ATTENDANCE AT THE SIKO RUHR PREVENTION CONFERENCE

On 6 and 7 November, our accountmanager for Germany, Insa Männel, took part in the specialist conference on prevention organised by Security Cooperation Ruhr (SiKo Ruhr). SiKo Ruhr promotes co-operation between the authorities in North Rhine-Westphalia to combat clan crime and is an important local contact for EURIEC. Thank you for the interesting presentations and the informative event!



The barrier model is available on request at this [link](#). It is available in German, English, French and Dutch.

Phase 2 completed

On Friday 10 November, the second phase of EURIEC was concluded by the EURIEC Steering Committee. This ended the period during which EURIEC was funded by the European Union. The consultations focused on the achievements of the past two years, but also on the further future of the EURIEC.



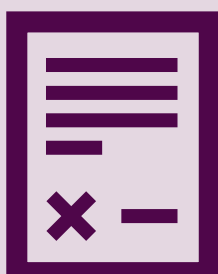
Vacancy at EURIEC:

The EURIEC has a vacancy for an account manager for (the whole of) the Netherlands – Germany. More information can be read [here](#). The vacancy closes on 15 December 2023.



CASE STUDY

In a case where there were suspicions of fraud, it was seen during the image formation that a person registered in the population register in the Netherlands had a car with a German registration number. This is only possible if the person concerned also has an address in Germany. As a result, there are suspicions that the person is not only registered in the Netherlands, but also in Germany. The question to EURIEC is whether a German municipality can be asked whether this is correct, and whether a check can then be carried out at the address in question. This can indeed be done. To do so, the municipality wishing to make the request must send a letter to the affected municipality. You can read exactly how this works [here](#). EURIEC has also prepared [sample letters](#) that you can use to make the request.



Current Affairs - Current Affairs

- On Thursday 16 November, the draft law on municipal administrative enforcement was approved by the Belgian parliament. The law aims to give municipalities more opportunities to conduct an integrity test for licences. Work will now be done to implement the bill;
- On 1 October, the new Benelux Police Treaty entered into force. As far as EURIEC is concerned, the treaty represents a major but not yet complete step for the international exchange of police information. Unfortunately, the application of the exchange of police information for the purpose of taking administrative measures still requires an intermediate step. EURIEC is of course following these developments closely and will inform you as soon as this can be worked with in practice. The full convention can be read here;
- The Dutch bill regulating access to the UBO register was amended after the consultation round. EURIEC also provided input during this consultation round. We called attention to the fact that foreign authorities and municipalities

should also have access to the Dutch UBOregister. After the amendment, the bill provides for a provision that co-governments, such as municipalities and provinces, can have access to the registers to prevent the government from being misused for criminal activities in those cases where it is necessary;

- A new directive to facilitate the exchange of information between law enforcement agencies has been adopted at European level. Member states will submit to the Commission a list of their designated law enforcement authorities. EURIEC has alerted Belgium and the Netherlands to this new directive and to the possibility of also designating municipalities (or the mayor) as law enforcement authorities in certain cases. To explore that possibility, EURIEC continues to engage with relevant partners in the two countries. For Germany, it did not appear possible to designate municipalities (or the mayor) as law enforcement authorities.