

Dear EURIEC partner,

The world around us is constantly changing. Even in terms of cooperation within countries themselves but - more importantly for us - between them, change is a constant. Therein lie opportunities not only to consolidate but also to expand cooperation. It gives me great pleasure to note that EURIEC is playing a firm role in this. In the still relatively short time I have been working as Head of EURIEC, I have seen the dedication of the members of EURIEC who are constantly investing in the expansion of cooperation and data exchange. Therefore, it is with great confidence that I am looking forward to what the future will bring us.

I wish you much pleasure in reading our Newsletter!

Kind regards,



Gert Wibbelink
Head of the EURIEC

ILONA PETERS STRENGTHENS THE EURIEC AS ACCOUNT MANAGER NETHERLANDS-GERMANY

Since mid-March, Ilona Peters is strengthening the EURIEC as account manager for the Netherlands-Germany. Ilona is seconded from the Oost-Brabant police where she has gained extensive expertise on, among other things, administrative reporting and the integral approach to crime including the administrative approach. Should you have any questions regarding international information exchange or should you have a specific international case, please feel free to contact Ilona directly via her e-mail address: ift.peters@rieclimburg.nl.



BELGIAN COUNTERPART OF BIBOB LEGISLATION IN FORCE

In January 2024, legislation surrounding municipal administrative enforcement and the creation of a Belgian counterpart to Bibob legislation was approved in Belgium. However, before this legislation could actually be used in practice, some Royal Decrees (RD) still had to be adopted. In the meantime this has been implemented with the publication of these Royal Decrees in April 2024. Among other things, one of the Royal Decrees lists the economic sectors and activities for which a municipality can decide that they have to meet an extended permit test. You can find this RD with the list of economic sectors and activities by clicking [here](#) (in Dutch or French). EURIEC was involved in the scientific research that serves as a basis for the list of economic sectors and activities.

In the past, EURIEC already made a comparison between Belgian 'Bibob' and Dutch Bibob legislation. You can find this comparison on our website [here](#). EURIEC also continues to remind legislators in Belgium and the Netherlands of the need to be able to exchange information from Belgian 'Bibob' and Dutch Bibob legislation. In addition, we are currently investigating the differences between Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands in terms of licences for various sectors, in order to alert municipalities for possible waterbed effects.

Round table discussion including MEP Jeroen Lenaers

In May, EURIEC participated in an interesting round table discussion which included MEP Jeroen Lenaers, a representative of the European Commission and many other interesting participants. After EURIEC had given a presentation to provide context concerning international cooperation, the discussion moved on to the complexities and challenges that hinder cross-border cooperation. In addition, possible legislative frameworks that could streamline and strengthen these processes were also discussed. Furthermore, representatives of the EUREGIO and RIEC East Netherlands presented their initiative for a new project aimed at strengthening cooperation between the East Netherlands and North Rhine-Westphalia and Lower Saxony in specific regions. This round table was a step towards a more integrated and cooperative approach across borders.

We are determined to continue this dialogue and work towards tangible legislative solutions. We also look forward to continued support and cooperation with the EUREGIO project!



EXAMPLE OF A CASE WHICH WAS BROUGHT TO THE EURIEC

A German municipality has found violations of the law in several premises in its area regarding the accommodation of labour migrants. It is a well-known fact that the labour migrants are working for a Dutch temporary employment agency in the Netherlands and are accommodated by this agency. The municipality wants to inform the 'Stichting Normering Flexwonen (SNF)' about the addresses of the shelters and the name of the employment agency.

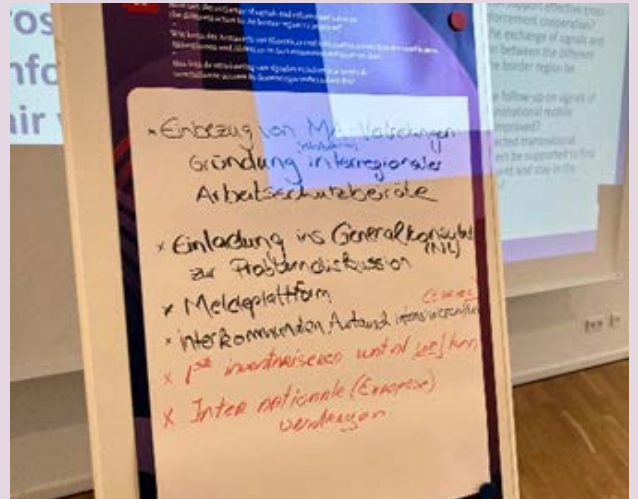
Is this allowed under the General Data Protection Act?

Yes, this is almost always allowed. The reason being that, as a rule, neither the name of the employment agency nor the address of an accommodation are personal data and therefore no special legal basis is needed to transfer this data. If you are interested, you can request a detailed legal elaboration of this topic in German or Dutch from us at euriec@rieclimburg.nl.

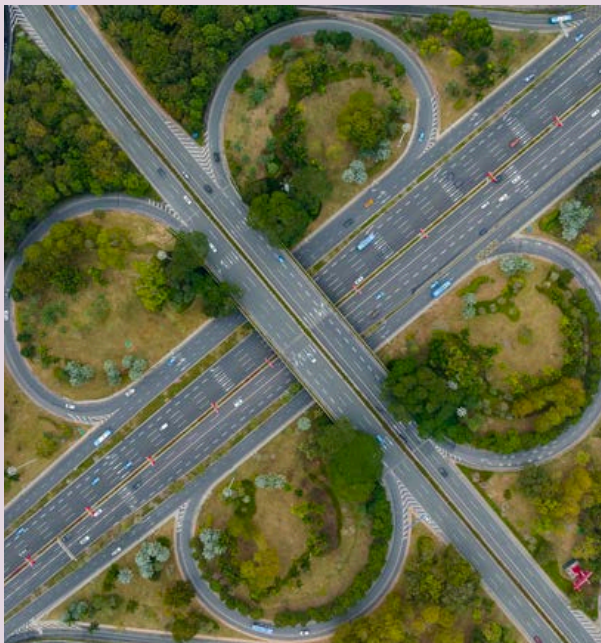
EURIEC promotes existing opportunities at 'working across borders' conference

In Germany, the topic of the exploitation of labour migrants remains highly relevant. This means, among other things, that new questions about international cooperation are arising constantly. Partly for this reason, EURIEC recently prepared two short legal opinions on the subject. One of these opinions can be found in the previous box (practical example).

At the international conference "Working Across Borders", our account manager for Germany again handed out physical copies of the barrier model against the exploitation of migrant workers and took the opportunity to promote the legal options already available for sharing data. Exploiting these options and strengthening the cooperation of municipalities and other authorities on both sides of the border create important potential improvements for a better life for migrant workers in the border region.



Expert session on Transport Facilitated Organised Crime



Criminals often use the logistics sector for their activities. This can include the transportation of drugs, weapons and money. In addition, Logistics is the sector par excellence where cross-border activities are carried out, also enabling the free movement of goods.

Since criminals need to transport their illegal goods, companies get involved, either intentionally or unintentionally. Hence, it is important to establish how to raise awareness in the transport industry about organised crime and to determine which best practices have already been worked out in different countries.

Consequently, it was with great pleasure and interest that EURIEC participated in an expert session organised by the Transport Facilitated Organised Crime (TFOC) programme of the National Expertise and Operations Unit of the Dutch police. During this consultation, best practices were exchanged between different countries such as the Netherlands, Norway and the UK on how to make the transport sector more resilient to organised crime.

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