



**Decision No 17/2022
of 24 November 2022
of the Management Board**

**Memorandum of Understanding Between the European Labour Authority (ELA) and
the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)**

THE MANAGEMENT BOARD OF THE EUROPEAN LABOUR AUTHORITY,

Having regard to Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 establishing a European Labour Authority, amending Regulations (EC) No 883/2004, (EU) No 492/2011, and (EU) 2016/589 and repealing Decision (EU) 2016/344¹ (“the founding Regulation” and “the Authority”) and in particular Article 14 thereof,

Whereas:

- (1) The objective of the Authority is to contribute towards ensuring fair labour mobility across the Union and assist Member States and the Commission in the coordination of social security systems.
- (2) Cedefop’s objective is to support the promotion, development, and implementation of Union policies in the field of vocational education and training as well as skills and qualifications policies by working together with the Commission, the Member States, and the social partners. To that end, Cedefop works to enhance and disseminate knowledge, provide evidence and services for the purpose of policy making, including research-based conclusions, and facilitate knowledge sharing among and between Union and national actors.
- (3) The framework for cooperation between ELA and Cedefop should be established to ensuring systematic cooperation, avoiding overlaps, promoting synergies and complementarity of activities.
- (4) This Memorandum of Understanding should provide general principles and modalities of cooperation.

HAS DECIDED:

Article 1

The Management Board approves the Memorandum of Understanding between the Authority and Cedefop annexed to this decision.

¹ OJ L 186, 11.7.2019, p. 21–56

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Article 2

Entry into force

This Decision shall take effect the day following its adoption.

Done in Bratislava, on 24 November 2022.

For the Management Board

Tom BEVERS

Chair of the Management Board

Memorandum of Understanding Between the European Labour Authority (ELA) and the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop)

1. This Memorandum of Understanding between ELA and Cedefop sets out to identify areas of cooperation.
2. Purpose of the cooperation: ELA and Cedefop (hereafter: the Parties) have agreed to cooperate on selected areas with a view to:
 - a. Maximising synergies which can benefit both Parties and their stakeholders.
 - b. Avoiding any potential duplication of activities in the identified fields of similar interest.
 - c. Learning from each other and possibly transfer good practices.

It responds to Preamble No 41 and Article 14 (for ELA) and Preamble No 7 and Article 2.4 (for Cedefop) of their respective founding regulations².

3. The cooperation between the Parties is informed by their mandates, tasks and objectives as outlined in their respective founding regulations:

ELA's objective is to contribute to ensuring fair labour mobility across the Union and assist Member States and the Commission in the coordination of social security systems within the Union. To that end, ELA shall facilitate access to information on rights and obligations regarding labour mobility across the Union as well as to relevant services; facilitate and enhance cooperation between Member States in the enforcement of relevant Union law across the Union, including facilitating concerted and joint inspections; mediate and facilitate a solution in cases of cross-border disputes between Member States; and support cooperation between Member States in tackling undeclared work.

Cedefop's objective is to support the promotion, development, and implementation of Union policies in the field of vocational education and training as well as skills and qualifications policies by working together with the Commission, the Member States, and the social partners. To that end, Cedefop works to enhance and disseminate knowledge, provide evidence and services for the purpose of policy making, including research-based conclusions, and facilitate knowledge sharing among and between Union and national actors.

4. Both Parties will appoint a main contact person to coordinate cooperation between them.
5. The Parties will, on a regular basis, consult each other and exchange views on topics of strategic relevance for the two organisations. During the development of the respective programming documents a yearly meeting will take place to discuss possible initiatives for cooperation and exchange of information between the two Parties.
6. The consultation should focus on areas of relevance for exchange of information also in view of possible synergies and strategic cooperation. The possible cooperation may

² Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 establishing a European Labour Authority, amending Regulations (EC) No 883/2004, (EU) No 492/2011, and (EU) 2016/589 and repealing Decision (EU) 2016/344 (Text with relevance for the EEA and for Switzerland) and Regulation (EU) 2019/128 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 16 January 2019 establishing a European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training (Cedefop) and repealing Council Regulation (EEC) No 337/75

cover a range of topics or areas, such as skills and labour market trends, and cross-border labour mobility, including work-based learner mobility and job matching. The possible cooperation may involve a range of activities such as the organisation of communication initiatives and joint events, the sharing of data and/or analyses, the participation in expert meetings or workshops and the sharing of experience from specific activities or findings.

7. Both Parties will cover their own costs arising from this cooperation as far as it is within the ordinary annual programming documents. For additional activities requiring more resources, special agreement will be made.
8. Working meetings can be organised at the following levels:
 - a. At general level, the Executive Director or a representative of each Party can be invited, when relevant, to attend the board meeting(s) of the other Party as observer.
 - b. Experts and staff of both Parties will participate in the activities of expert and working groups of the Parties where relevant.
 - c. Experts and staff will participate, where relevant, in the development and implementation of agreed concrete cooperation projects. Ad-hoc meetings or invitations may be extended to each other on specific subjects.
9. This Memorandum of Understanding in no way affects the founding regulations establishing the two Parties.

This Memorandum of Understanding enters into force when duly signed by the Executive Directors.

Jürgen Siebel
Executive Director
European Centre for the Development
of Vocational Training

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Executive Director
European Labour Authority

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