

## Eurociett/UNI Europa joint statement on the roundtable on temporary agency work social dialogue

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On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2013, Eurociett and UNI Europa's members organised, with the financial support of the European Commission, the first roundtable on temporary agency work social dialogue in Croatia.

1<sup>st</sup> July is a very important day for Croatia as the country joins the European Union. Eurociett and UNI Europa are pleased to be in Zagreb on this particular day and to facilitate and support the development and consolidation of the national sectoral social dialogue.

The purpose of the meeting was to bring together the Croatian social partners to discuss key issues, challenges and opportunities about temporary agency work in the Croatian labour market with a view to favour social dialogue.

Eurociett and UNI Europa encourage the Croatian social partners to continue their dialogue kicked off with the roundtable today beyond this event as to build on the momentum and on the good ideas discussed today.

Eurociett and UNI Europa hope that the roundtable will provide the opportunity for the Croatian social partners to organise themselves and to represent employers and workers in a way that will foster meaningful social dialogue in the temporary agency work sector.

It is crucial to keep the dialogue open as a means to enhance conditions for agency workers and to achieve the appropriate level of regulation on the sector. The Croatian sectoral social partners represent a source of knowledge and expertise to the government, which will update the provisions of temporary agency law as part of the upcoming revision of Croatian labour law. The involvement of the sectoral social partners in this process would be valuable to reach a balanced law, in line with the EU Directive on temporary agency work 2008/104/EC. In this respect, Eurociett and UNI Europa offer their assistance and experience to the Croatian social partners, if needed.

Eurociett and UNI Europa will follow up on this meeting by inviting the Croatian social partners to join the meetings of the EU Sectoral Social Dialogue Committee on temporary agency work, the first meeting being held on 16 October 2013.