

Economic Report

Enabling work, adaptation, security & prosperity

2017 edition



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ABOUT THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT CONFEDERATION

The World Employment Confederation is the voice of the employment industry at the global level, uniting labour market enablers from 50 countries and 8 of the largest international workforce solutions companies.

The World Employment Confederation brings unique access to and engagement with international policymakers (ILO, OECD, World Bank, IMF, IOM, EU) and key stakeholders (IOE, trade unions, academic world, think tanks, NGOs).

The World Employment Confederation strives for recognition of the economic and social role played by the employment industry in enabling work, adaptation, security and prosperity in our societies. Its members provide access to the labour market and meaningful work to 50 million people around the world and serve around 5 million organisations on a yearly basis.

The World Employment Confederation is organised under 6 regions: Europe, North America, Latin America, APAC Southern, North East Asia and Africa.

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Enabling Prosperity

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Foreword

Dear reader.

As labour maket enablers, the members of the World Employment Confederation contribute to a better functioning job market. Thanks to the combined 169,000 employment agencies and 1.5 million HR specialists it regroups around the world, the industry enables work, adaptation, security and prosperity.

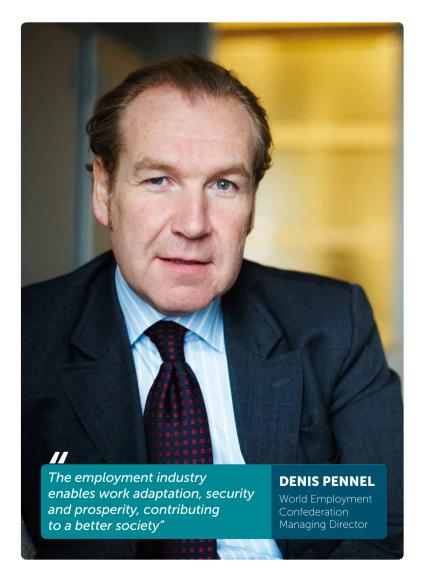
The 2017 edition of the World Employment Confederation's Economic Report documents these four enabling functions, by compiling robust facts and figures about the employment industry. The number of workers who were able to access the labour market after intermediation by a recruitment and employment agency reached 50 million people in 2015, including a majority of youngsters! The turnover of the industry across the globe totaled €417 billion, providing sustainable workforce solutions to 5 million organisations. There is much more information to be found in the report. I invite you to browse through it and find out for yourself.

In addition to the hardcopy of this report, a complementary online version is available with additional data. For a full overview of the report, please visit www.wecglobal.org/economicreport2017. This will make it easier for you to browse through the report and share or repost its content more easily.

If you have any questions after reading the report, please feel free to get in touch with the World Employment Confederation's Head Office at info@wecqlobal.org.

Denis Pennel Managing Director





KEY FINDINGS

The employment industry has been leading in a changing world of work for decades. It does so by acting as enabler in the labour market, offering a full range of HR services, including agency work, direct recruitment, career management, recruitment process outsourcing (RPO) and managed services provision (MSP).

At a global level, the employment industry:



Fnables work

Each year, around 50 million people access the labour market thanks to an employment agency (43 million of whom via agency work). On average, 17% of them are students working while studying (31% of agency workers are younger than 25 years old) and 44% are women. 81% of agency workers are satisfied with their work (with 34% being very satisfied). In terms of penetration rate, agency work accounts for 1.7% of the global working population. With a global turnover amounting to €417 billion and 1.5 million HR consultants, the industry generates an important economic added value to society.



Enables security

On average, before entering into agency work 33% of workers were unemployed, while afterwards only 21% went back to unemployment. Similarly, 43% of people starting agency work were employed before, while 71% remain in employment afterwards. From the business side, 50% of UK companies recognise that agency work is important to secure short term access to key strategic skills. Companies using innovative workforce solutions such as RPO or MSP are able to reduce hiring costs by 38%.



Enables adaptation

In a changing world of work, the employment industry supports over 5 million companies each year to adapt to an increasingly volatile environment. On the workers' side, 62% of agency workers in the USA agree that they developed new skills or improved their skills while temping. In France, 90% of agency workers say temping is useful to acquire professional experience and 78% to get trained.



Enables prosperity

By reducing frictional unemployment, the industry contributes to public budgets, saving governments the cost of unemployment benefits. In addition, the provision of flexible workforce solutions leads to a reduction of undeclared work, increasing social charges and corporate tax being paid. Finally, the industry drives inclusiveness and participation to the labour market: 34% of agency workers are younger than 25 years old and 44% are women.

THE EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY



The range of services delivered by the members of the World Employment Confederation



Key indicators

THE EMPLOYMENT INDUSTRY **IN 2015**

In 2015, the employment industry succeeded to support 50 million people entering and progressing in the labour market at the global level. Thanks to the wide range of HR services it offers (including agency work, direct recruitment, career management, recruitment process outsourcing and managed services provision), the industry contributes to a better functioning labour market and achieved a €417 billion global turnover.

Acting as social integrators, agility creators, trusted labour market advisors and growth drivers, the 169,000 employment agencies the World Employment Confederation gathers supported by the 1.5 million staff working as HR consultants, branch managers and administrative assistants – simplify the increasing complexity of the world of work.

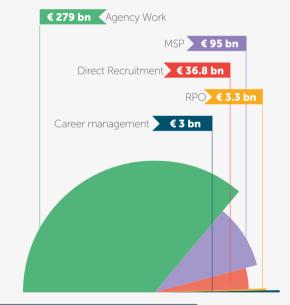
By enabling work, adaptation, security and prosperity, the employment industry gives hope, develops confidence, builds trust and delivers pride to both individuals and companies.



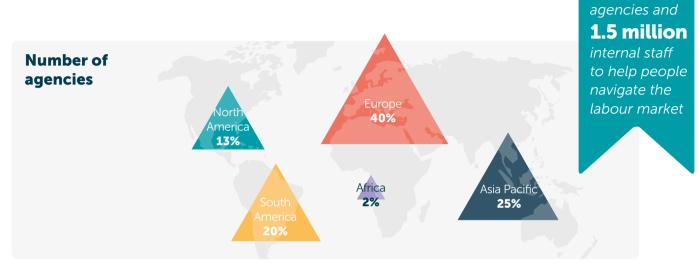
Global market size

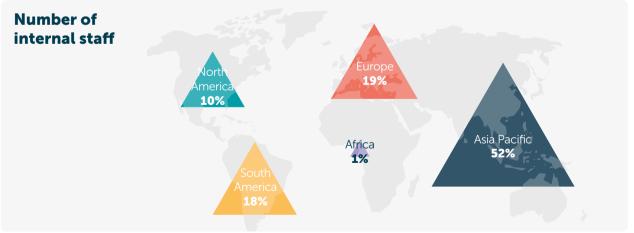
(sales revenues)

Within the employment industry, the Agency Work market (without MSP activities) accounts for 67% of the overall global sales revenues of the employment industry, followed by the MSP market (22%) and the Direct Recruitment market (9%).

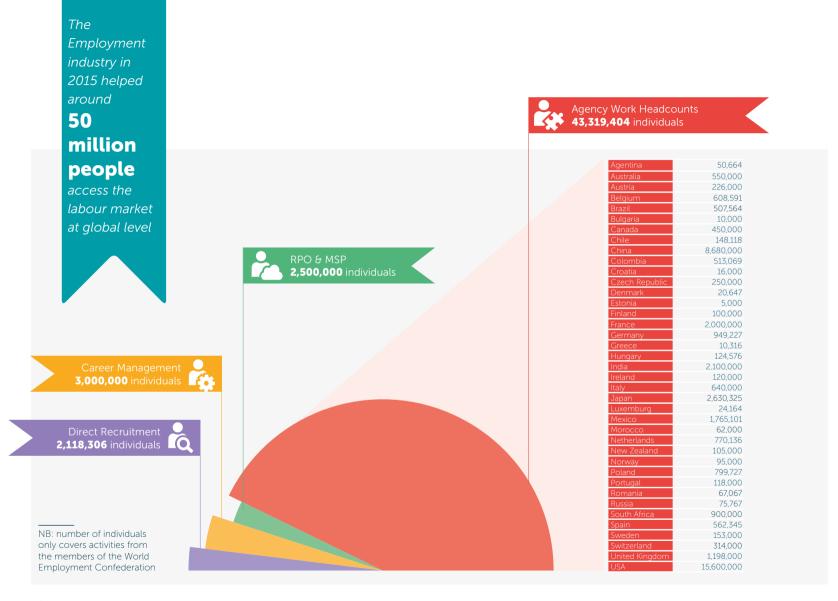


NB: Exchange rate to the € is based on 2015 annual average





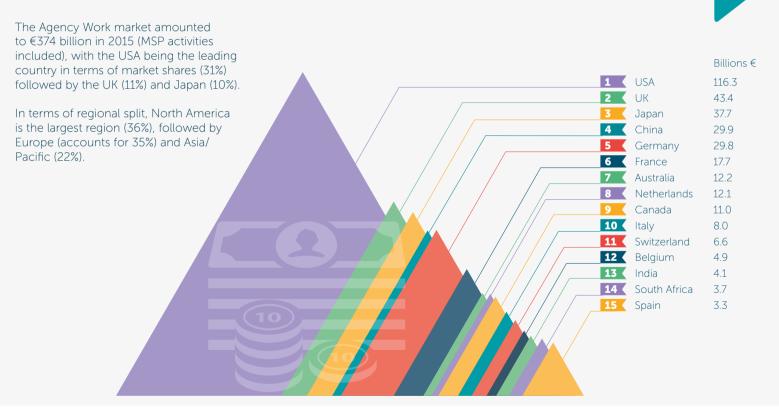
169,000 employment & recruitment



Agency Work sales revenues €374 billion in 2015

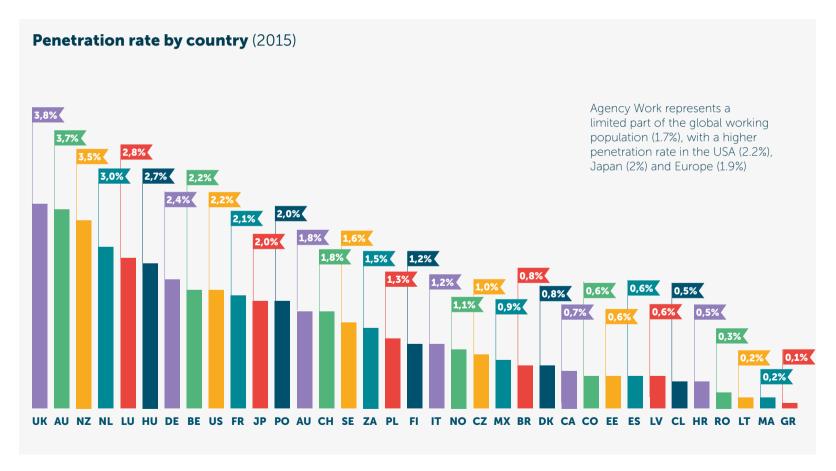
THE AGENCY WORK MARKET

Top 15 countries ranked by sales revenues (2015)

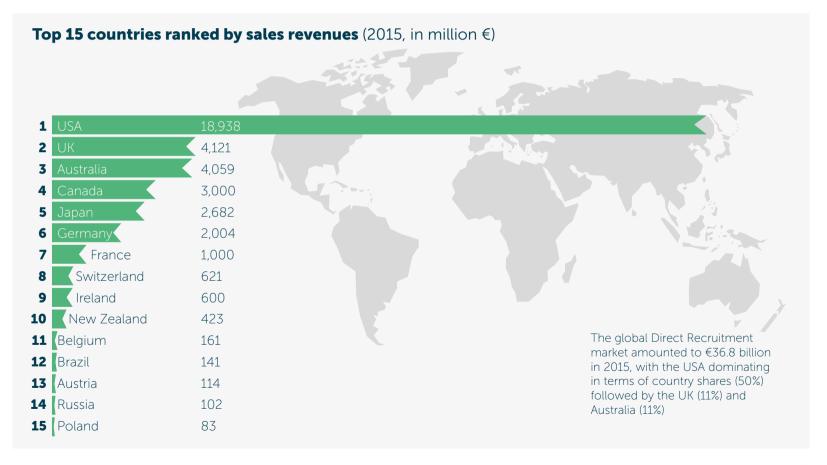




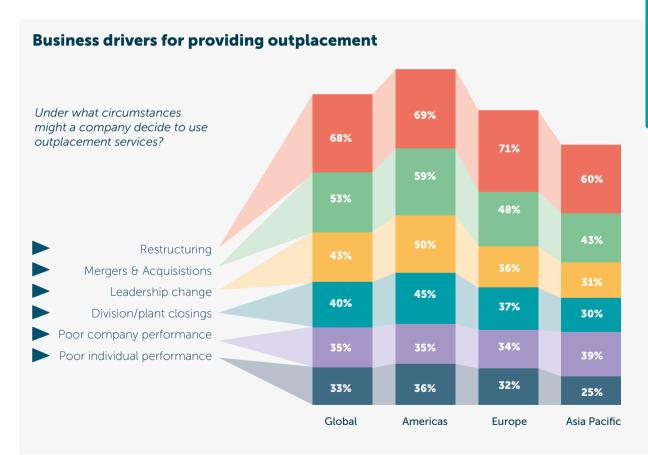
THE AGENCY WORK MARKET



THE DIRECT RECRUITMENT MARKET



THE CAREER MANAGEMENT MARKET



€2.95 billion

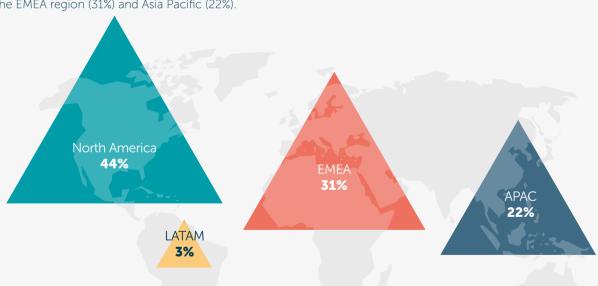
Covers career transition and talent management activities at global level

Global market size €3.3 billion

THE RPO MARKET

2015 RPO market size – Global & Regions (€ billions)

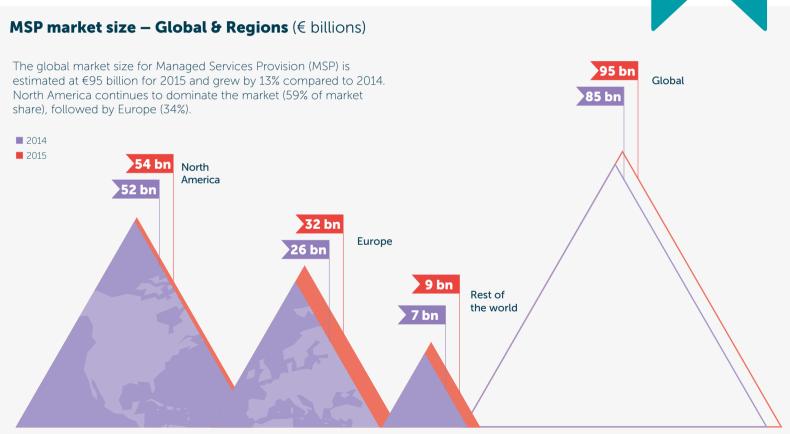
The global market size for Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO) is estimated at €3.3 billion for 2015. North America dominates the market (44% of market share). followed by the EMEA region (31%) and Asia Pacific (22%).



Source: Staffing Industry Analysts - Annual 2015 average exchange rate used between \$ and € = 0.9017

Global market size of €95 billion

THE MSP MARKET



1- Enabling Work

studying and 81% of agency workers are satisfied with their work work accounts for 1.7% of the global working population. With



50 million people

access the labour market thanks to an employment agency each year



with **€417 bn** global turnover,

the industry generates an important economic added value to society



81% of agency workers

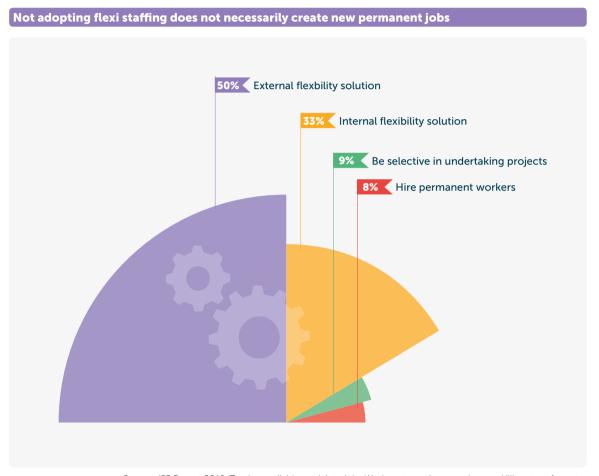
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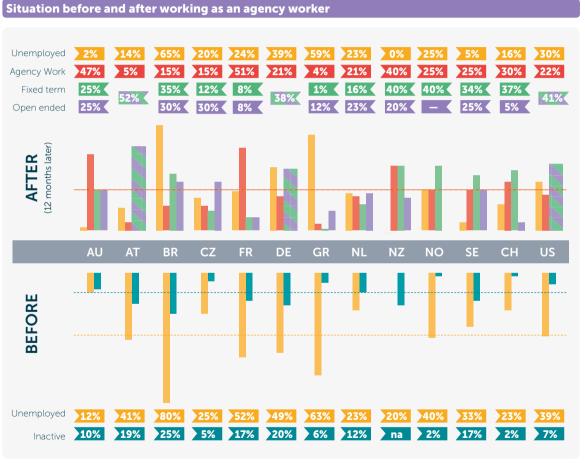
CREATE MORE WORK OPPORTUNITIES

In India, agency work creates jobs that would not otherwise exist: 92% of companies would not hire permanent jobs if agency work was not available. 83% of companies would opt for external/ internal flexibility solutions rather than recruiting directly.



Source: ISF Report 2016, Turning available work into jobs Work, outsourcing, overtime, reskilling, transfers, etc.





PROVIDE A STEPPING STONE

While 50% of agency workers were unemployed or inactive before temping, only 25% of them get back to unemployment 12 months later

Average: 25%

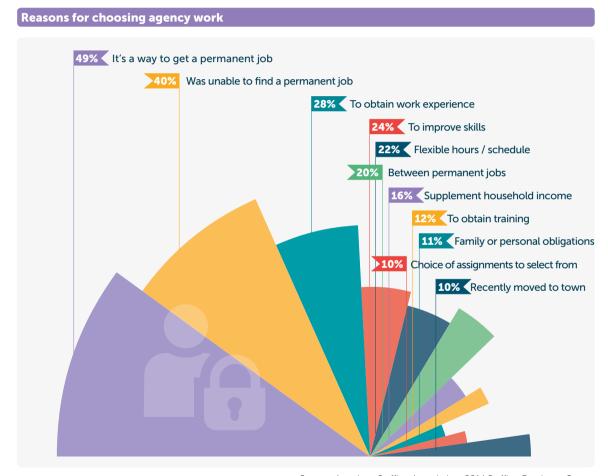
Average inactive: 12% Together: 50% Average unemployed: 38%



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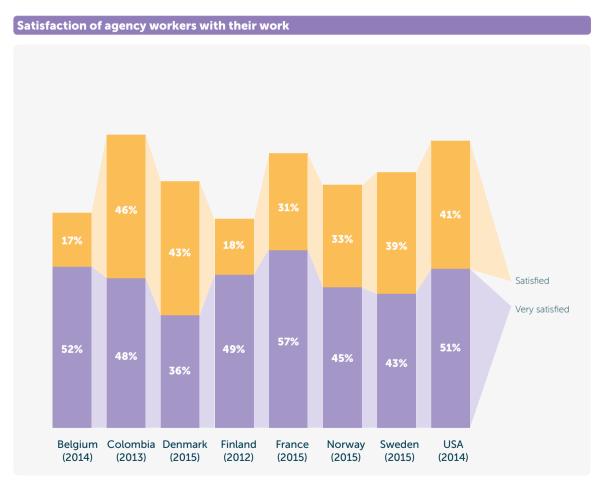
Opportunity to get a permanent contract is main reason to work through agency work (USA)

Note: multiple responses allowed. Reasons with <10% excluded from graph.



Source: American Staffing Association, 2014 Staffing Employee Survey





DELIVER QUALITY AND MEANINGFUL WORK

On average, 81% of agency workers are satisfied with their work (with 34% being very satisfied)

Note: USA: categories are: "somewhat satisfied (18%) + very satisfied (33%)" and "extremely satisfied"

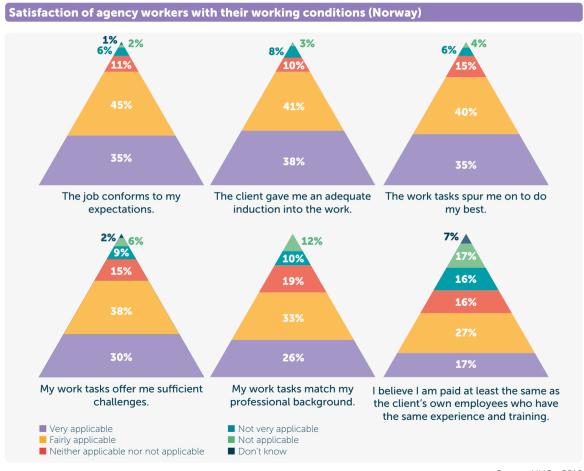
Source: the World Employment Confederation national federation members



DELIVER QUALITY AND MEANINGFUL WORK

In Norway, agency workers are satisfied with most of their working conditions

Note: n=2137



Source: NHO - 2016



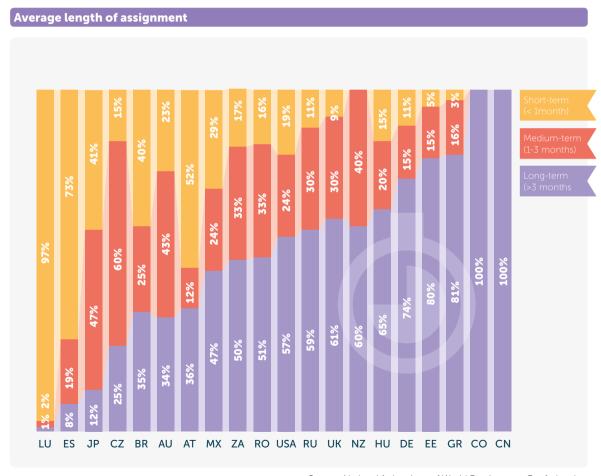
Agency workers would recommend agency work to friends and relatives 63% 68% 79% 88% Yes No Don't know 1% Denmark France Sweden Norway (2015)(2016)(2015) (2015)

DELIVER QUALITY AND MEANINGFUL WORK

On average, 75% of agency workers would recommend agency work to friends and relatives



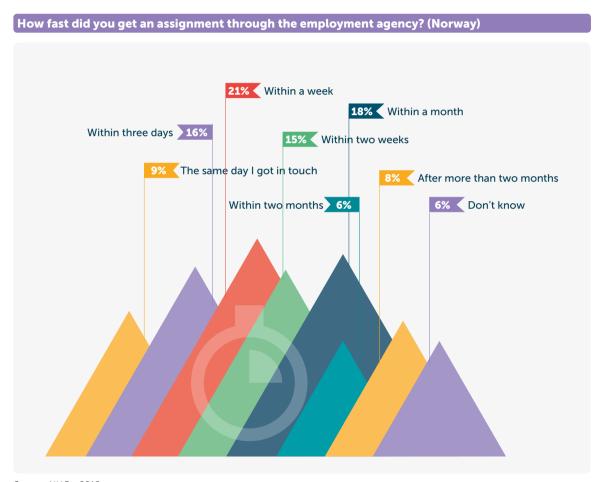
DELIVER QUALITY AND MEANINGFUL WORK



Source: National federations of World Employment Confederation







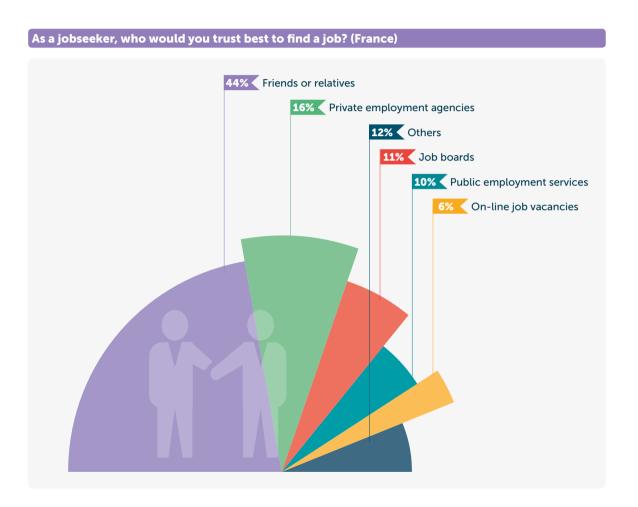
IMPROVE ACCESS TO & TRANSPARENCY OF LABOUR MARKET

Source: NHO - 2016



IMPROVE ACCESS TO & TRANSPARENCY OF LABOUR MARKET

Employment agencies are second best channel to find work for job seekers (France), ahead of public employment services



2- Enabling Adaptation

over 5 million companies each year to adapt to an increasingly in the USA agree that they developed new skills or improved their skills while temping. In France, 90% of agency workers say temping is useful to acquire professional experience and 78% to get trained.



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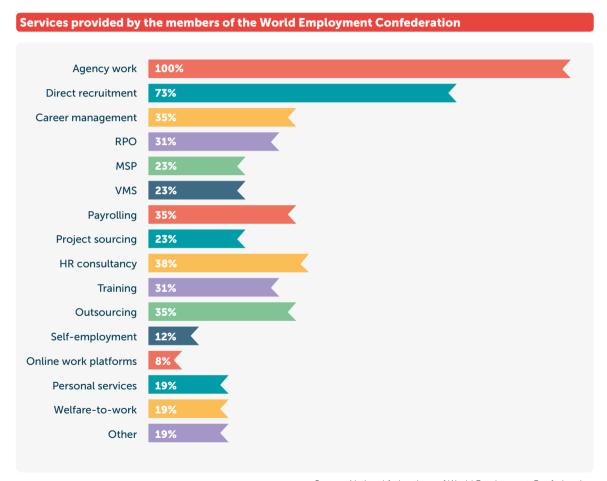
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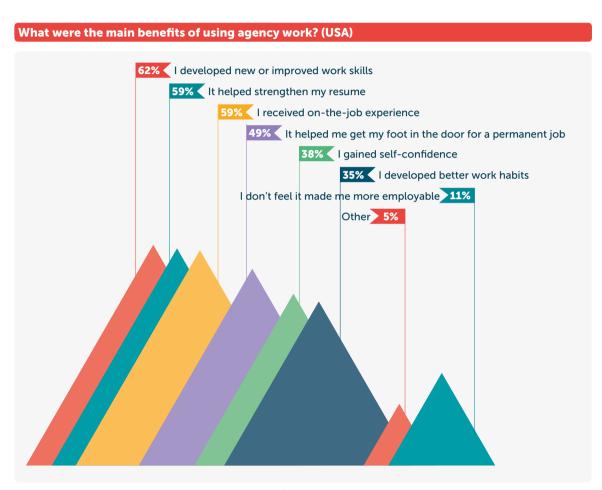
get trained



DELIVER DIVERSIFIED WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

Members of the World **Employment Confederation** represent a large range of HR services, allowing to provide for taylor-made solutions to people and companies





IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY BY UPSKILLING

62% of US agency workers say agency work made them more employable

Note: multiple responses allowed



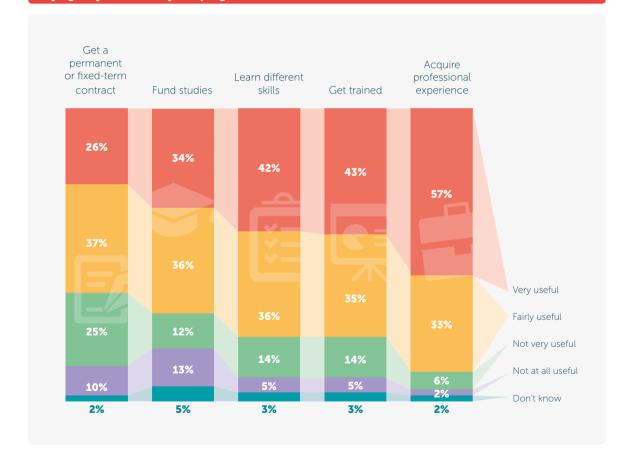


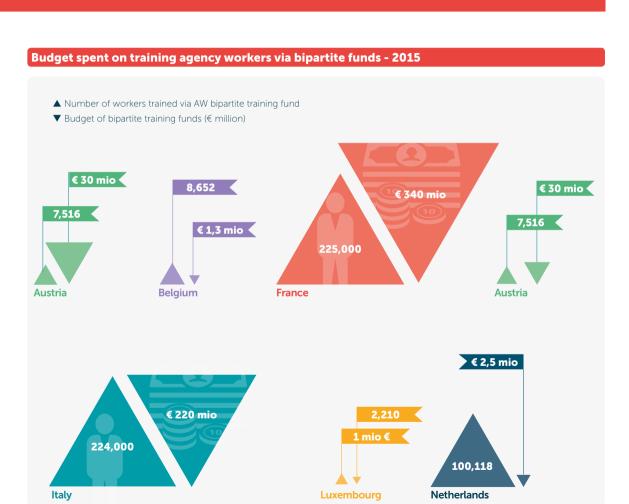


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Why agency workers say temping is useful (France)





IMPROVE EMPLOYABILITY BY UPSKILLING

Note: these figures do not comprise number of agency workers directly trained by companies



Source: National federations of World Employment Confederation

Agriculture 3%

Manufacturing 34%

Construction 8%

Services 36%

Public Administration 20%

FACILITATE WORK **TRANSITION & MOBILITY**

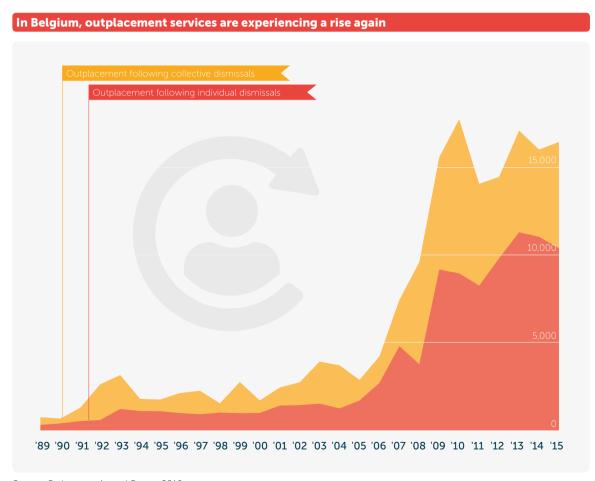
Serving almost every economic segments, the employment industry facilitates workers' transitions from one sector to another

Note: In the UK, a small portion of the agency workers listed in the Public Administration (notably in the Healthcare & Education sectors) are active in the private sector

Sectoral distribution of agency workers



Source: National federations of World Employment Confederation & Offices for National Statistics



FACILITATE WORK TRANSITION & **MOBILITY**

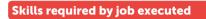
Outplacement services accompany 3 million people finding a new job (global)



Source: Federgon – Annual Report 2016

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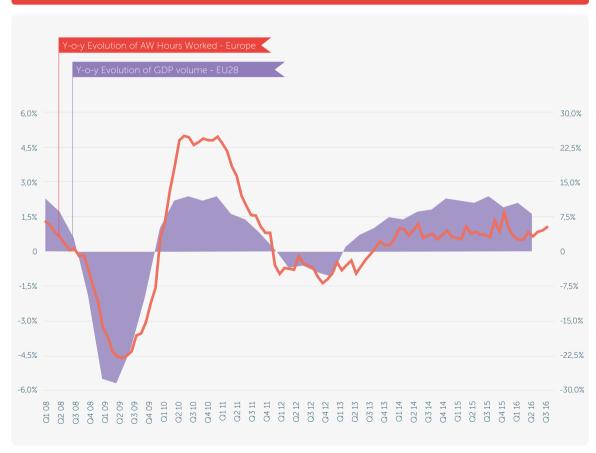
The employment industry is able to source and match very different levels of skills, depending on the needs expressed by companies.





Source: National federations of World Employment Confederation

Evolution of number of hours worked by agency workers in Europe (year-on-year) versus evolution of GDP volume EU28



ADAPT WORKFORCE TO PRODUCTION NEEDS

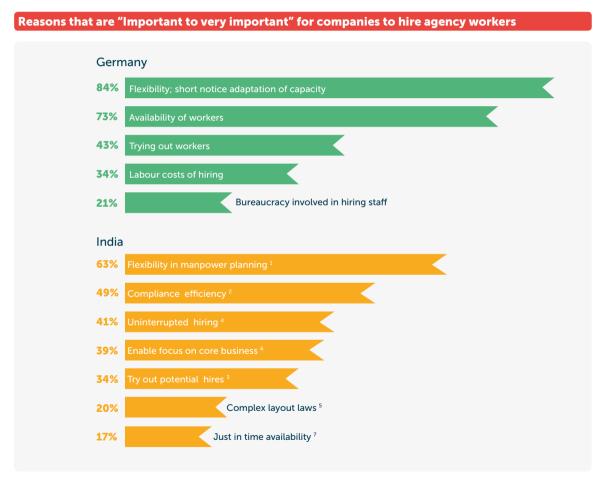
The employment industry reduces the time lag between recovery and job creation: there is a close correlation between the evolution of number of hours worked and the evolution of GDP (while it usually takes 3 to 6 months for the overall employment rate to adapt to the economic fluctuations)



Source: National federations of World Employment Confederation

ADAPT WORKFORCE TO PRODUCTION NEEDS

- 1 Flexi staffing allows a business to manage transient manpower demand / supply fluctuations due to business cyclicality, and/or temporary absence of regular emplovees
- 2 Costs associated with payroll processing and administration, payment of benefits, etc. can be transferred to the flexi staffing agency
- 3 Employers can test flexi workers on the job for their skills and temperament, and top performers can later be absorbed into the regular payroll
- 4 Utilisation of flexi staff reduces search and recruitment time as well as cost
- 5 In an environment of economic uncertainty coupled with rigid labour laws, businesses are reluctant to expand regular payroll before being certain about business arowth
- 6 Enables businesses to focus on their core activities, while outsourcing support services
- 7 Easy availability of un-skilled flexi workers has encouraged many businesses to follow just-in-time flexi hiring



Source: Zeitarbeit in Deutschland -Treiber für Flexibilität und Wachstum, IW Consult GmbH. 2011 Source: based on the responses of senior HR officials of select Rq 5 billion plus companies from 15 different sectors

3- Enabling Security



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43% of people starting agency work were employed before,

while 71% remain in employment.



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DELIVER PORTABLE RIGHTS

The employment industry has developed innovative solutions to implement portable & transferable social rights via bipartite sectoral funds

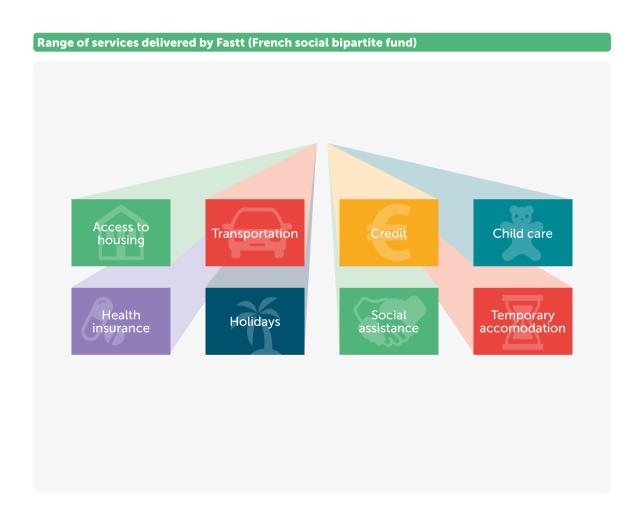
Bipartite funds in European countries offer extra social protection to agency workers











DELIVER PORTABLE RIGHTS

The French social fund for the agency work sector (Fastt) delivered 70,000 services in favour of agency workers in 2015 by designing innovative solutions

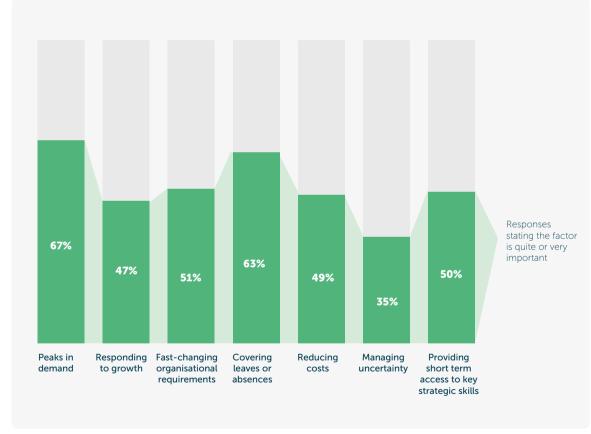


SECURE ACCESS TO TALENTS

For 50% of UK companies, agency work is important to providing short term access to key strategic skills. This rose to 57% amongst the largest companies (250+ employees).

All who recruite agency workers (n=136)

How would you say that agency workers are for your organisation in terms of the following?



Source: REC Jobs Outlook report - a2016



Top 3 reasons for choosing agency work

Belgium (2016)

- As a stepping stone to permanent work (39%)
- To earn an additional income (10%)
- To gain useful working experience (6%)

France (2015)

- Agency work allowed me to find work quickly (52%)
- Couldn't find a permanent job (37%)
- Hope to get a permanent job via agency work (22%)

USA (2014)

- It is a stepping stone to a permanent job (49%)
- Was unable to find a permanent job (40%)
- To obtain work experience (28%)

Denmark (2016):

- It is a stepping stone to a permanent job (25%)
- Work as agency worker is easier to get than other job (17%)
- To gain more work experience (12%)

Norway (2015)

- Agency work is a good entry door to working life (40%)
- Work as agency worker is easier to get than other job (37%)
- Want to see different workplaces and gain all-round work experience (23%)

Sweden (2015)

- The agency offered an interesting assignment (38%)
- want to see different workplaces and acquire different
- Work as agency worker is easier to get than other job (32%)

UK (2014)

- could not find permanent work (53%)
- To find work quickly (43%)
- To earn money quickly (26%)

ACT AS CAREER AGENT

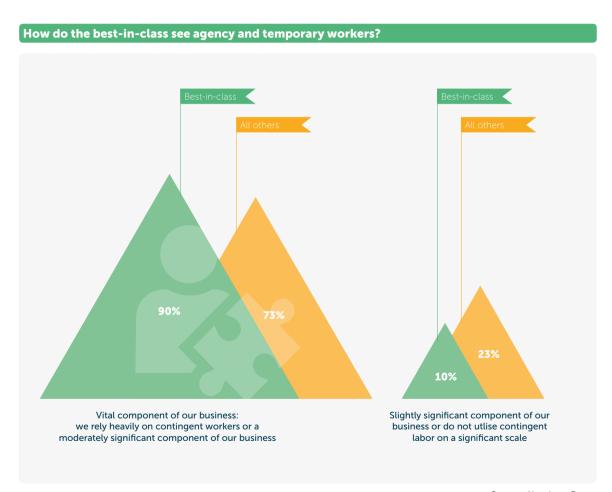
The employment industry supports workers in many different ways: quick access to work but also possibility to gain work experience.



INCREASE BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS

Most efficient organisations rely to a greater extend on agency and temporary workers to conduct their business

n=192



Solutions to manage temporary and agency workers 21% 21% 23% All others 42% 36% Best-in-class Vendor Managed **Managed Services** Spend analysis System (VMS) Provider (MSP) solutions Source: Aberdeen Group, April 2016

INCREASE BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS

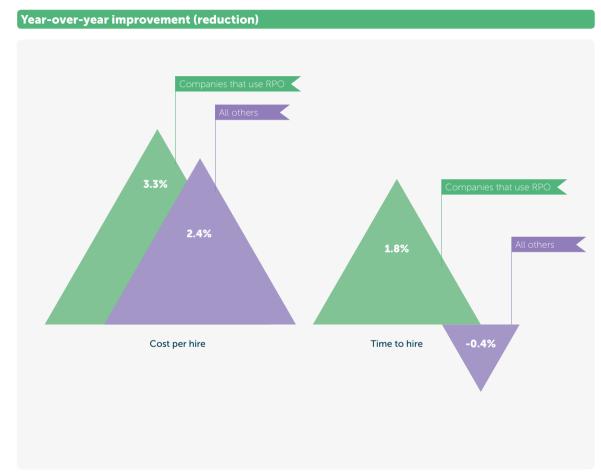
Most efficient organisations are 71% more likely to use a Managed Services Provider (36% vs 21%) to support the management of agency and temporary workers





INCREASE BUSINESS COMPETITIVENESS

RPO usage has a big impact on HR KPIs. Companies that invest in an RPO provider are able to reduce hiring costs by 38%



Source: Aberdeen Group, May 2016

4- Enabling Prosperity



34% of agency workers are younger than 25 years old



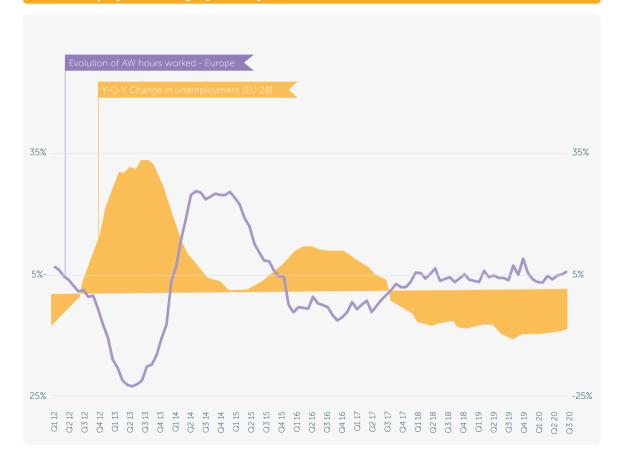
44% of agency workers are **Women**



REDUCE UNDECLARED WORK & UNEMPLOYMENT

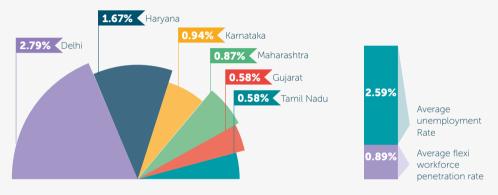
Agency work contributes to reduce frictional unemployment by ensuring a better and faster match between supply and demand of work

Evolution of number of hours worked by agency workers in Europe (year-on-year) versus average EU 28 Unemployment change (year-on-year)

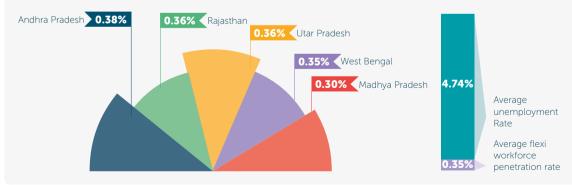








States with lower agency work penetration than national average of 0.51% in 2015



REDUCING UNDECLARED WORK & **UNEMPLOYMENT**

India: Low average unemployment rate of 2.59% in states with agency work penetration higher than national average of 0.51%



¹ Refers to undivided Andhra Pradesh

INCREASE INCLUSIVENESS AND DIVERSITY

People are looking for different types of jobs and individualized working conditions, reflecting the end of the one-size-fits-all approach.

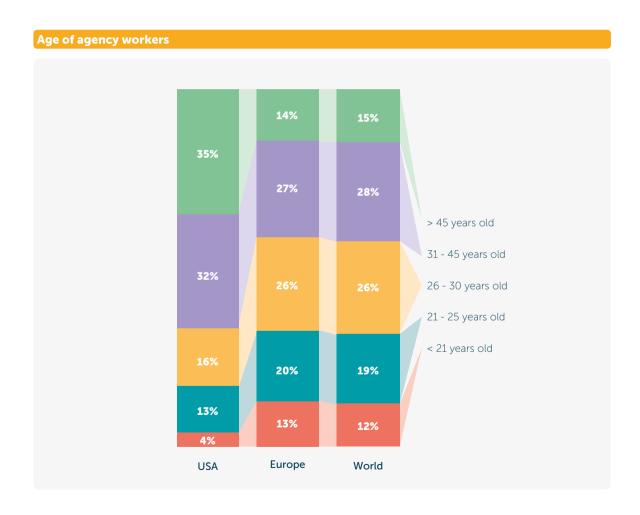
The employment industry provides a full range of arrangements to meet this diversity of expectations.

Type of work sought (US) 75% Full-time 53% Part-time 36% Temporary or Contract 31% Seasonal Freelance or Independent Contractor 31%

Source: American Staffing Association Workforce Monitor ™, an online survey conducted Dec. 22-28, 2015, among 1,008 U.S. adult job seekers, by Harris Poll







INCREASE INCLUSIVENESS AND DIVERSITY

The employment industry offers work solutions to a range of people and increases inclusiveness, especially for young people and women.

At global level, 44% of agency workers are women and 31% are under the age of 25.

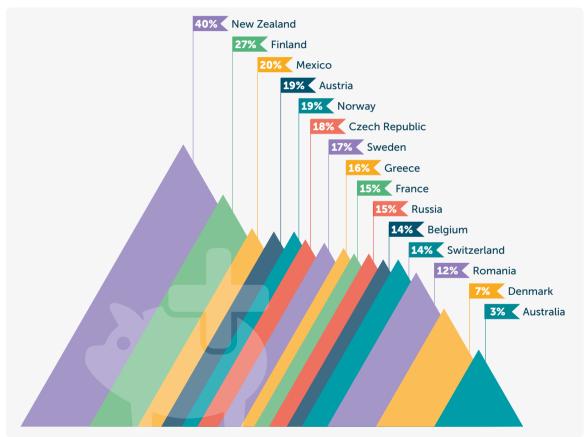




INCREASE WORK INCOMES

Many students use agency work to fund their studies

% of agency workers as students



Sales (Billions of U.S. Dollars) - Annual Totals for Staffing and Recruiting Industry



ENRICH GDP BY SALES REVENUES

In the USA, sales revenues of the employment industry has never been so high, reaching \$147 billion in 2015, contributing to reducing unemployment and creating work opportunities that would not exist otherwise



Source: American Staffing, Staffing Industry Analysts Inc., U.S. Department of Commerce

ENRICH GDP BY TAXES AND SOCIAL CHARGES

By employing millions of workers, the employment industry contributes significantly to public budgets by paying social charges and corporate taxes. By reducing levels of unemployment, the industry contributes to reduce public spendings on unemployment allowances



Annexes

GLOSSARY OF USED TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Agency work

Agency Work is a triangular employment relationship, defined in ILO Convention 181 as: "Services consisting of employing workers with a view to making them available to a third party, who may be a natural or legal person ("user enterprise") which assigns their tasks and supervises the execution of these tasks". It can be named as Dispatched Labour in Asia, Labor Hire in Africa or Temporary Staffing in the USA.

Career management

Main service segments are individual outplacement services, executive outplacement services, group outplacement services and other employment transition services. In these segments, outplacement services companies provide a range of employment and career services. These include resume writing, interview skills, job search strategies, coaching and career guidance. Employers generally pay all of the costs associated with these services

Daily average number of agency workers (FTE)

Total number of hours worked by all agency workers in a country over a period of one year divided by the average number of hours worked over a period of one year by a worker with a fulltime job with an open-ended contract.

Direct Recruitment

Services for matching offers of and applications for employment, without the private employment agency becoming a party to the employment relationships which may arise therefrom (Source: ILO Convention 181), including executive search & selection.

Managed Services Provision (MSP)

MSP is a service whereby a company takes on primary responsibility for managing an organization's contingent workforce program. Typical responsibilities of an MSP include overall program management, reporting and tracking, supplier selection and management, order distribution and often consolidated billing. The vast majority of MSPs also provide their clients with a vendor management system (VMS) and may have a physical presence on the client's site. An MSP may or may not be independent of a staffing supplier.

Penetration rate

Daily average number of agency workers lin full-time equivalents] divided by the working population [as defined by the ILO as follows: "The employed comprise all persons of working age who during a specified brief period, such as one week or one day, were in the following

categories: a) paid employment (whether at work or with a job but not at work); or b) selfemployment (whether at work or with an enterprise but not at work)."

Private employment services / Employment industry

Agency work is usually one of several other HR services provided by recruitment and employment agencies, along with direct recruitment, career management, RPO & MSP. The broad range of these services are called private employment services. The employment agency provides a professional service to a user company by taking over (a part of) the recruitment and HR process. In this sense, private employment services are comparable to other professional and business services such as auditing & accounting, communications & marketing, facilities management etc.

Recruitment Process Outsourcing (RPO)

A service by a third-party specialist provider, to assume the role of the client's recruiting department by owning and managing part or all of its recruitment process and related recruitment supply chain partner relationships, provide the necessary skills, activities, tools, technologies, and process methodologies.

MEMBERS OF THE WORLD EMPLOYMENT **CONFEDERATION (NATIONAL FEDERATIONS)**

North America

Canada (CA) Mexico (MX) USA (USA)

Latin America

Argentina (AR) Brazil (BR) Chile (cn) Colombia (co) Peru (PF)

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