

Brussels, 23 January 2026

Dear Colleagues,

The Education Department of the European Trade Union Institute is pleased to invite you to the training seminar dedicated to the Revised EWC Directive, with a particular focus on what the new rules mean in practice for EWC coordinators. We will translate the new rules into the language of actions, looking for the answers to 'if, when and how exactly' the EWC agreement needs to be adapted to be to make the most of new Directive, so the trade union experts and coordinators are aware of the steps ahead. This seminar will focus on the strategic role of trade unions in accompanying EWCs through the revision and adaptation of agreements, ensuring that EWC structures, procedures, and resources make full use of the new legal framework.

This seminar will take place on **7th-8th May 2026** in Cagliari, Italy.

Please forward this invitation to the relevant trade union networks and mailing lists.

Objectives

The revision of the EWC Directive introduces important changes aimed at strengthening information and consultation rights, improving the effectiveness of EWCs, and ensuring better enforcement and compliance. This seminar will provide a practical and forward-looking discussion on how EWCs can adapt to these developments.

Key topics will include:

- Overview of the main changes introduced by the revised EWC Directive, block by block
- Renegotiation/adaptation timeline for existing EWCs, depending on legal type
- Adapting EWC agreements to ensure compliance with the new regulatory framework
- Practical guidance on strengthening EWC functioning, resources, and procedures
- Importance of EWC coordinators in driving continuous improvement of EWC efficiency

The seminar is designed to support EWC coordinators in reviewing, improving and – if needed - adapting their EWC agreements, ensuring alignment with the revised framework. Through peer learning, expert input and practical examples, participants will gain concrete recommendations how to support their EWCs and insights in next steps to take.

This seminar is a part of the series with the primary objective to equip EWC coordinators with the in-depth knowledge and practical skills necessary to navigate the revised EWC Directive. This seminar has the objective to screen through the EWC agreements and perform gap analysis in the benchmark of Revised Directive relevant for target group of EWC coordinators and trade union experts. Participants enrol for a single event of their choice and are not obliged to attend the whole series.

Target group

The seminar is open to trade union coordinators, experts and officers working with EWCs

Available places: 40. Final list will be consulted with ETUFs before confirmations.
Please wait until you receive our formal confirmation before making any travel arrangements.

Date, venue, logistics

7th-8th May 2026, hotel Una T, Cagliari (Italy). Hotel is booked and paid for you by the ETUI. Confirmed participants have to make their own travel arrangements, knowing that travel costs will be paid back by ETUI on the basis of a EC rules of reimbursement. Please contact ETUI in case of hesitation how to proceed with travel itinerary. Please read the travel rules carefully to find out what your maximum flight reimbursement limit is. Extra hotel expenses are not taken in charge by ETUI. Participants are expected to arrive on Wednesday 6th and to leave on Friday 8th after lunch.

Languages

The workshop will be held in English with Italian active interpretation. 1 more language may be added depending on the needs of the participants.

Programme

Please find the draft program attached.

Registrations

Please register under this link: <https://crm.etui.org/form/rev-ewc-directive-coordinators>

The deadline for the registrations is **20th March 2026 EOB**. Confirmations will be sent before 27th March, as soon as possible to make time for the necessary travel arrangements.

Participation on this course is free of charge however in case of unjustified or sudden absence, you will be asked to pay the no-show costs and ETUI may re-invoice your organisation.

Additional information

Should you need any additional information please do not hesitate to contact Carine Boon cboon@etui.org or Cyprian Szyszka cszyszka@etui.org

We look forward to meeting you!

The ETUI EWC team

