

Revised EWC Directive: strengthening EWCs (under Irish legislation)

20th-21th May 2026, Clayton Hotel Liffey Valley, Dublin (Ireland)

20th May (Wednesday)		21th May (Thursday)
9:00 – 10:30	<p>Welcome address, introductions <i>tour de table, who is in the room</i> What is the background to Irish registered EWC agreements and why new EWCD matters? What is the experience of employee representatives in the room of their EWCs? What is working and what is not? <i>Topical introduction and opening debate</i></p>	<p>Strategic roadmap for EWCs registered in Ireland European Trade Unions Federations guidelines and checklist for negotiating EWC Agreements: wat are the practical implications for EWCs of the new Directive? Trade union challenges and priorities for transposition of the legislation <i>Expert input & groupwork wrap-up</i></p>
10:30 – 11:00	<i>coffee & energy break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30	<p>EWC access to justice in Ireland How an EWC in Ireland accesses justice? What are the options for change in Irish law when it comes to ensuring compliance with the new EWC Directive? Enforcement mechanisms and legal remedies available <i>Case study how the Irish Transnational Information and Consultation act can be used to access Justice</i></p>	<p>Summarizing activity Wrap-up of most lively topics: amending agreements, scope, transnationality, confidentiality, consultations, pre-directive status, gender equality, extraordinary meetings, I&C timing, right to training, legal means etc. <i>Closing conclusions, wrap-up, evaluation</i></p>
12:30 – 14:00	<i>lunch break</i>	
14:00 – 15:30	<p>New EWC Directive: what does it mean for EWCs? What is in the new EWC Directive – main changes? Why is there a need for a new Directive: background and objectives. Why does Irish law need to change, what needs alignment in transposition? <i>Expert input & case study: practical lessons from Irish-based EWC</i></p>	departures
15:30 – 16:00	<i>coffee & energy break</i>	
16:00 – 17:30	<p>Amending EWC agreements: key clauses to review for EWCs How should the changes impacted by the new Directive be made? What is the process be for changing EWC agreements and when should negotiations happen? Building strong clauses into the EWC agreement <i>Practical insights on amending / renegotiating timeline</i></p>	



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