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THE IMPACT OF THE COVID-19 CRISIS ON COLLECTIVE AGREEMENTS IN EUROPE (BARCOVID)

Kick-off meeting for the Visegrad countries
14 October 2021 [13:30 – 15:30 CEST]

The BARCOVID project (“The impact of the COVID-19 crisis on Collective Agreements in Europe”) project aims to understand the specific effects of the ongoing pandemic situation on the collective bargaining process and outcomes in 32 countries, including the Visegrád countries Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia. The project aims to answer three main research questions:

- 1. How have the COVID-19 crisis, the state-imposed measures and their consequences affected the industrial relations landscape in these countries?*
- 2. Have the COVID-19 consequences affected the renewal of collective agreements, and if so, how have signatories, bargaining levels and covered enterprises/organisations changed?*
- 3. Have the COVID-19 consequences affected the clauses negotiated in collective agreements regarding hiring and firing, wages, occupational health and safety, use of digital technologies (e.g. teleworking), work organisation and surveillance?*

Aim of the workshop: This kick-off meeting aims at offering the first insight into these issues with the support of country-level experts and negotiators, followed by a discussion of all participants. At the end of the workshop, we strive to better understand the country-specific bargaining situation, as well as potentially identify newly negotiated collective agreements in each country.

Language: English, interpretation in Hungarian, Polish and Slovak provided.

Please register until 12th October, 2021 EOD (CEST): <https://forms.gle/iHDDiiRyApvhfchU9>

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AGENDA

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
13:30 – 13:40	Welcome and introduction	Marta Kahancová (CELSI), Paulien Osse (Wageindicator)
13:40 – 13:45	The COVID-19 pandemic, remote work and collective bargaining	Inga Sabanova, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Competence Centre Future of Work
13:45 – 14:00	What do agreements in the Visegrád countries stipulate? Results from the COLBAR project	Gábor Szüdi (CELSI)
14:00 – 14:20	Introduction to the BARCOVID project (short video & presentation)	Kea Tijdens (University of Amsterdam/ AIAS-HSI)

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14:20 – 14:30	Potential impact of COVID-19 on bargaining and collective agreements: Slovakia	Vladimír Tonka (Zväz zamestnávateľov energetiky Slovenska)
14:30 – 14:40	Potential impact of COVID-19 on bargaining and collective agreements: Hungary	Imre Szilárd Szabó (Munkástanácsok, KRE)
14:40 – 14:50	Potential impact of COVID-19 on bargaining and collective agreements: Czechia	Alena Paukrtová (Českomoravská konfederace odborových svazů)
14:50– 15:00	Potential impact of COVID-19 on bargaining and collective agreements: Poland	Przemek Pytel (Solidarnosc)
15:00 – 15:20	Plenary discussion	Marta Kahancová (CELSI)
15:20 – 15:30	Summary & further steps	Paulien Osse (Wageindicator)

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