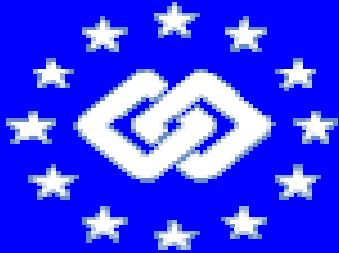


# Labour law

## Institutional aspect

The European foundation for the  
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A "**first generation**" Community Agency set up by Council Regulation (EEC) No 1365/75 of 26 May 1975\*, to provide **information, advice and expertise** on living and working conditions, industrial relations and managing change in Europe on the basis of **comparative information, research and analysis**

[\*Last revised by Council Regulation (EC) No 1111/2005 of 24 June 2005 with a view to modernise the Foundation's structure after the enlargement<sup>1</sup>

# EUROFOUND

## Structure

- A tripartite GOVERNING BOARD :  
*made up of representatives of the governments and the social partners (the employers and trade unions) of all EU25 MS + the European Commission ( after 2004 enlargement : 78 members )*
- An 11 – member BUREAU :  
*with executive tasks, reflecting the tripartite structure of the Board*
- A DIRECTOR and a DEPUTY DIRECTOR :  
*appointed by the European Commission from a list provided by the Governing Board ( currently Mr Jorma Karppinen and Mr Willy Buschak )*
- A staff of more than 90 employees

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## Observatories and online tools

*Research data and analysis are made available to the target groups and the public through the respective "on-line observatories":*

- ***European monitoring centre on change (EMCC) ;***
- ***European industrial relations observatory (EIRO) ;***
- ***European Working Conditions Observatory (EWCO) ;***
- ***EurLife interactive database on living conditions and quality of life in Europe***

# EUROFOUND

Four-year work programme 2005-2008

*"Changing Europe : Better work, better life"*

## *Priorities / Main tasks*

- *Monitoring and understanding change*
- *Research and exploring what works*
- *Communicating and sharing ideas and experience*

## *Key Themes*

- *Employment*
- *Work–life balance*
- *Industrial relations and partnership*
- *Social cohesion*

■ *Full version in Turkish language:*

*<http://www.eurofound.eu.int/publications/files/EE04103TR>*

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## Programme of work 2006

### *Priorities :*

- *employment creation in a competitive global environment, characterised by restructuring, innovation and mobility with specific attention to SMEs;*
- *the anticipation and management of change and the role of social partners (and partnerships) at national, regional and company level;*
- *the necessity and potential of meeting both economic and social needs over the life course – addressing the work-life balance and social inclusion;*
- *the reform of social protection and labour market policies and their implications for access to more and better jobs*

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