

Dear Madam, Sir,

The National Coordination Offices for EURES in Spain and the Netherlands arranged a meeting in Madrid on the 10th of March last. Main focus of the meeting was to evaluate the bilateral cooperation so far and to agree on the framework for cooperation from now on.

The developments on the Dutch labour market and the characteristics of flexible labour contracts offered by private agencies in the Netherlands were presented and discussed. The recent media attention has been touched upon as well.

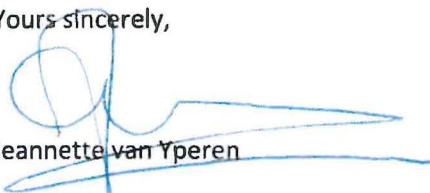
During our constructive meeting we concluded that some changes need to be made in the approach of requests for support in case of recruitment in Spain from the Netherlands. With this letter we like to communicate the new working arrangements. The following has been agreed:

- Vacancies from the Netherlands for which active support for recruitment, or dissemination on the Spanish web www.sepe.es/redEURES, is requested from EURES Spain, will be sent directly by the vacancy providers in the Netherlands to Mrs. Mathilde Kockelkoren (national adviser EURES) in the Netherlands (mathilde.kockelkoren@uwv.nl);
- The vacancies and the labour contracts should state clearly the number of working hours per week, the salary before tax per hour for the different age groups and the work location
- The labour contract should be signed by both parties;
- The minimum number of working hours should be high enough to earn an income that is sufficient to make a living in the Netherlands. This means in practise that vacancies for contract under 30 hours per week will no longer be supported actively by EURES;
- Vacancies that are not suitable for active support can be made public by the companies in the regular manner, meaning through werk.nl to the EURES portal;
- EURES the Netherlands will develop objective information about the flex market in the Netherlands in order to inform Spanish job seekers about the effects in terms of rights, duties and labour conditions. This information will be published on the Spanish EURES web, werk.nl/eures and the EURES portal.

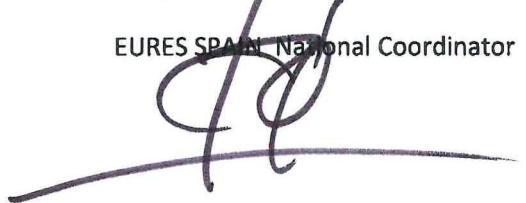
With this working arrangements we follow the general line in EURES where we make a distinction between active and passive support. Active support automatically includes a check on the conditions and contracts before publication and additional support.

We hope and trust that the arrangements will contribute to further improvement of the good cooperation and to the quality of services towards Dutch based employers and Spanish jobseekers.

Yours sincerely,


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