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## **Eurofound invites workers across Europe to participate in the European Working Conditions Survey 2024**

Eurofound has launched its 2024 EWCS aiming to interview approximately 50,000 workers across 35 countries. The survey will cover all EU Member States and eight other European countries: Norway, Switzerland, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia.



## **Social protection for the unemployed**

This background paper prepared by Eurofound at the request of the Belgian Presidency of the Council of the European Union for the informal EPSCO hosted by the Belgian Presidency 10-11 January 2024, focuses on one important aspect of social protection: unemployment benefits, both first tier (usually contributory) and lower tier (predominantly tax-based, non-contributory and means-tested). Unemployment benefits help to cushion the impact of job loss on household finances and act as an economic stabiliser.



## Self-employment in the EU: Job quality and developments in social protection

Using data from the European Working Conditions Telephone Survey, this report examines the working conditions of different groups of self-employed people. It analyses measures taken at EU Member State level to better protect self-employed individuals against the risks of unemployment, workplace accidents and sickness, and presents lessons learned from measures implemented during the pandemic.

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## Episode 18 – Are minimum wages in Europe adequate and effective?

In this episode of Eurofound Talks, Mary McCaughey speaks with Eurofound experts Christine Aumayr-Pintar and Carlos Vacas-Soriano about the adequacy of minimum wages in Europe as they stand at the moment, how the EU has sought to improve the situation of low-wage earners through a Directive on adequate minimum wages, and how widespread the issue of minimum wage non-compliance is in the European Union.

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- ✓ Plays a unique role in providing expertise to support the EU institutions and bodies, Member States and social partners in shaping and implementing social, employment and work-related policies, based on national-level and comparative research.
- ✓ Collaborates with the rotating trio of presidencies of the Council of the EU, providing evidence-based knowledge and expertise.



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