

RESEARCH EFFORTS



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In 2023 and 2024, the Centre for Labour Studies (CLS) produced numerous deliverables as requested by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions (Eurofound). As a member of the Network of Eurofound Correspondents (NEC), the CLS prepares reports on Malta upon request. This network includes correspondents in all EU member states and Norway.

The NEC focuses on four themes: working conditions and sustainable work; industrial relations and social dialogue; employment and labour markets; and living conditions and quality of life. While some of the reports prepared by the CLS are published on the Eurofound website, others are not. Contributions published in 2023 and 2024 included annual reports on industrial relations, social dialogue and working life in Malta, and updates of Eurofound's Policy Watch database. This database initially tracked policies related to COVID-19, but later included policies related to local responses to the war in Ukraine, policies to combat inflation and policies related to the green transition. Other publications covered company restructuring and living conditions in Malta.

Eurofound draws on data from unpublished reports to produce comparative European studies on selected topics. During the period in question, the CLS prepared national reports on a wide range of issues, including the minimum wage, collectively agreed pay, social protection for the self-employed, job quality and climate change, older workers, remote working, the integration of Ukrainian refugees, and the involvement of social partners in the European Semester. Other topics covered included the long-term impact of COVID-19 measures, changes in working time, the four-day working week, ICT-enabled antisocial behaviours, independent living, the planned decarbonisation of residential heating, and the sectoral

impact of the twin transition. Additionally, the CLS examined informal care, undeclared work, vulnerable workers, the role of social partners in national policymaking, and trends and services related to mental health. Other reports dealt with the representativeness of specific sectors, such as the postal, transport, graphical, temporary agency, maritime, ports, and inland waterway sectors.

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