

EURES services Summary

The EURES (EUROpean Employment Services)-network was set up in 1993 as a co-operation between the European Commission and the Public Employment Services of the EEA Member States (The EU countries plus Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein) and other social partner organizations such as Unions. Switzerland also takes part in EURES co-operation.

The purpose of EURES is to provide information, advice and recruitment/placement (job-matching) services for the benefit of workers and employers as well as cross-border workers and any citizen wishing to benefit from the principle of the free movement of persons in the European Union.

The Public Employment Services that are members of EURES provide services through its network of more than 5 000 local employment offices with more than 100.000 staff offering services to job-seekers, employers and cross-border workers.

While the Public employment Services are structured and administrated differently in each country, all share the same basic task of contributing towards matching supply and demand on the labor market through the precise and effective provision of information, placement. Furthermore EURES offers personal and active support services.

EURES has a particularly important role to play in cross-border regions. In these areas there are by definition significant levels of cross-border commuting. The more than one million people who live in one EU country and work in another have to cope with different national practices and legal systems in the respective countries. They may come across administrative, legal or fiscal obstacles to mobility in their daily lives.

EURES Advisers in these areas provide specific and personal advice and guidance on the rights and obligations of workers living in one country and working in another one.