

EURES CROSS BORDER PARTNERSHIP

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Mission Statement

- "EURES' mission is to help reduce and/or eliminate for jobseekers and employers barriers to cross-border working on the island of Ireland. It does this through the provision and exchange of information; through the development of collaboration between the employment services; and on the basis of being fair and equitable in everything it does."

The Aims

- to provide and exchange information and advice on vacancies and job applications as well as on living and working conditions and other relevant information related to the labour markets in the cross-border region;
- to contribute to the development of this flow of information by direct and regular contacts between the EURES advisers in the region;

The Partners

- An Foras Aiseanna Saothair (FAS)
- Confederation of British Industry (CBI)
- Department for Employment and Learning (DEL)
- Dundalk Chamber of Commerce (DCC)
- Irish Business and Employers Confederation (IBEC)
- Irish Congress of Trade Unions (ICTU)
- Londonderry Chamber of Commerce (LCC)

Eures Advisers

- Public Employment Service (FAS & DEL), Employer and Trade Union Eures Advisers based offering advice on crossborder working and recruitment: How to get a job on other side of the border
- Working conditions across the border
- Advice on tax, social security entitlements and educational qualifications

Ongoing Co-operation

1. Annual meeting of Executive Board of FAS and DEL Senior Management.
2. Annual meeting of DEL/FAS Directors and Managers of border regions. Objectives:
 - a) **develop better working relationships between managers, particularly those with offices along the border;**
 - b) **create improved understanding of the Employment Service structures and programmes in Rol and NI;**
 - c) **Create open forum for discussion and suggestions of ways to work more closely cross border .**

Ongoing Co-operation

3. Job portals - job vacancy kiosks in public offices linked between DEL and FAS so client can view and print contact details of jobs on either side of the border
4. Jointly organised cross border jobs fairs for companies currently recruiting
5. Joint co-operation in redundancy advice situations – staff from DEL and FAS attend the workplace offer full range of services in advance of workers being made redundant.

Ongoing Co-operation

6. All front line employment advisor staff of both DEL and FAS in border region have been trained in crossborder job search and advice.
7. WEB site
8. Provision of seminars, reports and advice brochures on crossborder working e.g. tax guidelines for employers and self employed persons

Key Achievements

- EURES Cross-border Partnership well established in place since 1997, well recognised by employers and jobseekers.
- Trained EURES advisers addressing the barriers faced by workers and employers. These advisers geographically placed along the full border.
- All cross border vacancies advertised on both Public Employment Systems and these systems are linked.

Key Achievements

- Both PES staff work closely together and know each other and are in constant contact to address queries for their mutual clients.
- Good recognition by employers in providing services for crossborder recruitment.

Future Challenges

- Pilot Cross-border training programme linked to local employment needs.
- Sharing of labour market information - statistics monthly produced by sector
- Economic situation how will this effect crossborder commuters ?
- Continuous Funding from EU ?

Thank you

