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Welcome to this seminar where we have invited representatives from relevant authorities working in the field of undeclared work. Countries involved are Estonia, Latvia, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Iceland. The aim of the seminar is to share good practice, establish network and promote future cooperation.

For those who want to join us for dinner on Tuesday afternoon (at our own expenses), we will meet Liis from Estonia in the hotel lobby at 18.45 for a five minutes' walk to restaurant Butterfly Lounge at 19:00. It is a casual lounge with good food. <http://kokteilibaar.ee/en/food/>

Agenda Wednesday 28th August at Maakri Business House

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| 08.45 | <i>Departure from hotel lobby, five minutes' walk to meeting venue</i> |
| 09.00-09.15 | <i>Welcome</i> |
| 09.15-10.30 | <i>Presentation of good practices – each country gives a short presentation of the situation in their country as of today: How is cooperation between authorities organized, what priorities do you have for the joint work and what kind of challenges do you meet regarding cooperation</i> |
| 10.30-10.45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 10.45-12.00 | <i>Groups, discussion of example cases. You will be divided into predefined groups cross the borders, to discuss the <u>questions listed on page 2</u></i> |
| 12.00-13.00 | <i>Lunch at the venue (included)</i> |
| 13.00-14.30 | <i>Presenting the outcome of group work, solutions of cases</i> |
| 14.30-14.45 | <i>Break</i> |
| 14.45-16.00 | <i>Plenary discussions - Norway presents how their joint operation centres are working and the benefits of regulated cooperation (20 min). After that we have time for questions, comments and answers.</i> |
| 16.00-16.15 | <i>Sum up, conclusions and end of seminar</i> |

Group discussions

1. A **local** company is suspected to perform undeclared work, hide taxes, pay too low wages and there are also suspicions about social security fraud.
 - a. What could be the benefit of cooperation between two or more national authorities to reveal these kinds of irregularities/fraud?
 - b. What kind of knowledge can we share between national authorities?
 - c. What would be the first, or next, step to improve national cooperation?

2. A company is **posted** from another EU/EEA-country to your country.
 - a. What possible irregularities/fraud can happen, and should we be aware of regarding your authorities' competence as a direct result of the posting?
 - b. What kind of enforcement activities are conducted in your country today to prevent and reveal such irregularities/fraud, both by individual authorities and with joint activities?
 - c. What kind of assistance and cooperation with the sending countries' authorities would be helpful for you to better solve your enforcement duties?
 - d. If your country was the posting country, what kind of irregularities would you like to be informed about from the receiving country (tips)?

3. A company in your country are using "**third country**" workers (from outside EU/EEA).
 - a. What kind of regulations can be "challenged" by the fact that the workers are from third countries?
 - b. What kind of cooperation on a national level would be useful to do inspections and reveal irregularities/fraud?
 - c. What kind of assistance from other countries would be of help for your investigations – and from where could such information be gathered?

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