

Press Release

Celebrating Three Decades of EURES: Bridging Jobseekers and Employers Across Europe

EURES, the European Employment Services, commemorates its 30th anniversary in 2024. To mark this milestone, the European Labour Authority, alongside its network members, is launching a year-long campaign themed 'Fair work anywhere in Europe'. This initiative underscores EURES's pivotal role in fostering European and cross-border recruitment, showcasing the extensive benefits of its network services to European jobseekers and employers alike.

Inaugurated in 1994, EURES was conceived from the European Union's dedication to the free movement of labour, aiming to dismantle employment barriers by enabling jobseekers' access to opportunities across borders and offering consistent, detailed information about national job markets, along with living and working conditions.

Rooted in the conviction that a vibrant, unified labour market enriches individual career trajectories and stimulates the European economy, EURES has become instrumental in developing a genuine European workforce that propels innovation within businesses.

Adapting to the evolving European labour market dynamics, including digital transformation, increased labour mobility, economic downturns, and global health crises, EURES has expanded its scope to include, beyond public employment services, private Members and Partners since 2016, continuously adapting to more modern recruitment methodologies and labour trends.

EURES has introduced various technical innovations, establishing its unique position in European employment services. These include a sophisticated job matching engine on the EURES portal, facilitating employer-jobseeker connections beyond language barriers through skill matching across borders; the European online job days, events offering virtual recruitment and information; and online consultations with EURES advisers, enabling direct interaction across borders. These innovations, among others, underscore EURES's advantages, from easing relocation processes to navigating administrative hurdles in education, banking, and taxation.





After three decades of dedicated service, EURES remains a key player in shaping European employment environments, spanning 31 countries through over 1,000 advisers and the EURES portal, which boasts over a million registered CVs and more than 4.5 million job listings. Between 2020 and 2022 alone, EURES facilitated the connection of 5.5 million workers with nearly 400,000 employers, testament to its significant impact on job mobility within Europe.

Cosmin Boiangiu, Executive Director of the European Labour Authority, reflects on EURES's journey: "EURES could be compared to a young professional, who has a bright future ahead. EURES is an extensive human network connecting 31 corners of Europe, and has been built by three decades of cooperation, the stories of jobseekers that moving abroad for work and the employers that recruited them. EURES embodies a fundamental principle of the European Union: the freedom to work and live anywhere in the participating countries."

The 30th anniversary of EURES offers a moment to celebrate its achievements and pivotal role in empowering jobseekers and employers, highlighting its resilience and success in fostering cross-border collaboration and talent mobility within the European Union.

Contact information: For any more general information about the campaign, or any specific requests for material, please email EURES at press@ela.europa.eu.

Throughout the campaign, EURES is posting on social media using #EURES30 alongside with the classic hashtag #EURESjobs.

For more information about the EURES30 campaign go to europa.eu/eures30.

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