



Release of a mapping study on the subcontracting legislation in the construction sector

The EU-funded Social Dialogue project, DESOCO3, led by FIEC and in partnership with EFBWW, has reached a significant milestone with the publication of a Mapping Study on Subcontracting Legislation in the Construction Sector, produced by SPARK Legal and Policy Consulting.

Commissioned to SPARK Legal and Policy Consulting, this study was driven by a clear incentive: the construction sector operates in a complex environment, where subcontracting schemes play a significant role, underscoring the need for a comprehensive and evidence-based overview of the regulatory landscape both at EU and national level.

The report covers ten European Economic Area (EEA) countries Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovenia, and Norway and is structured around two core analytical chapters. The first examines EU-level legislation regulating subcontracting chains and the use of temporary work agencies (TWAs) in the construction sector, while the second provides a detailed, country-by-country overview of applicable national measures. Together, these chapters offer a consolidated and cross-border evidence base on the current regulatory landscape.

The publication of this Mapping Study constitutes a core deliverable of the DESOCO3 project, directly supporting its objectives to promote social dialogue, improve working conditions, fight against unfair competition and strengthen the overall resilience of the sector.

Click on this link to read the full report:

[https://www.fiec.eu/application/files/6917/8090/5090/DESOCO3 - Final Report - 20260527_FV.pdf](https://www.fiec.eu/application/files/6917/8090/5090/DESOCO3_-_Final_Report_-_20260527_FV.pdf).

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Through its 33 national member associations in 28 countries (25 EU countries, Norway, Switzerland and Ukraine), the European Construction Industry Federation represents construction companies of all sizes, i.e., small, and medium-sized enterprises and "global players", carrying out all forms of building and civil engineering activities.

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