

Eurofound Contract 2021–2022

REPORT

During 2021 and 2022, the Centre for Labour Studies (CLS) produced many deliverables as requested by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions (Eurofound). As part of Eurofound’s Network of National Correspondents, the CLS prepares reports on Malta upon request. As part of this network, Eurofound has correspondents in all EU member states and Norway.

While some of the reports prepared by the CLS are published on the Eurofound website, others are not. Contributions published in 2021 and 2022 included an annual report on industrial relations, social dialogue and working life in Malta, and quarterly updates of Eurofound’s Policy Watch database. This database initially tracked policies related to COVID-19, but later included policies related to local responses to the war in Ukraine and policies to combat inflation. Other publications covered company restructuring and living conditions in Malta.

Eurofound uses data from unpublished reports to produce comparative European reports on selected topics. Reports produced by the CLS during this

period included ones on hybrid work, the minimum wage, essential workers, and digitalisation, amongst others. Several other deliverables addressed the impact of COVID-19 on various aspects, including the impact on the living conditions of older people, the tracking of governmental confinement decrees, and the use of public services during the pandemic. Other reports dealt with the representativeness of specific sectors, such as the extractive, construction, chemical, woodwork and furniture industries.

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