

European Confederation of Private Employment Services Eurociett emphasises the important function of temporary employment for Europe's labour markets

Around 26 million people in Europe are unemployed. As the European Elections in May draw closer, the European Confederation of Private Employment Services Eurociett has presented a manifesto to members of the European Parliament to send out the message that temporary employment is already creating jobs and helping to secure a functioning labour market. Eurociett also points out, however, that the right legal framework need to be in place to enable all opportunities to be exploited.

13/02/2014 BAP, Berlin, Germany | 26 million Europeans are unemployed. What can be done to help them? Young people in particular are seeking both jobs and good prospects. What is the right way forward? European labour markets need to become more robust and achieve growth. How can the necessary leverage be achieved? In the lead-up to the European Elections in May, the European Confederation of Private Employment Services Eurociett has presented a manifesto to EU politicians posing these very questions. In its capacity as the only representative organisation within the temporary employment sector in Germany, the Federal Employers' Association of Personnel Service Providers (BAP) is a member of Eurociett.

These are issues to which the members of the European Parliament will need to respond over the next five years. These problems are serious, therefore solutions need to be found urgently. In the manifesto, Eurociett makes it clear that temporary employment is contributing to the functionality of labour markets in Europe. For example, the branch supports eight million Europeans in their careers. It also provides access to the labour market for over three million young people aged under 25 and creates a total of 2.5 million jobs across Europe. In order to continue these strong efforts and to effectively combat unemployment, Eurociett stresses that the right legal framework need to be in place. Close cooperation with local job agencies, recognition of initial and continuing professional training offered in the sector and a reduction of restrictions would all play a major role.

"Especially in the run-up to the European Elections in May, it is important once again to draw attention just what temporary work can do for Europe's labour markets", said **Thomas Hetz**, Chief Executive of BAP and a Eurociett Board member. "The imposition of new restrictions on the branch, such as those planned in the Coalition Agreement between Christian Democrats (CDU/CSU) and Social Democrats (SPD) in Germany, is along the wrong lines. They would jeopardise the successes achieved also by temporary employment over the past few years on the German labour market."

Denis Pennel, Managing Director of Eurociett, presented yesterday the manifesto to members of the European Parliament from various groups and also chaired the subsequent debate. The document is available in pdf format from the BAP Press Office with immediate effect. For comprehensive information on Eurociett, please visit www.eurociett.eu.

About BAP

In Germany, the Federal Employers' Association of Personnel Service Providers (BAP) unites professionals in the personnel sector, and is committed to protecting and promoting the common interests of its members regarding personnel services. BAP represents the German personnel service sector within the economy, and in matters regarding the economy. It acts as a voice for the sector and ensures its concerns are heard in politics, in the media and in the public sphere.

BAP has around 2,000 members, which consist of a total of about 4,800 firms. The Association includes approximately two-thirds of all the offices of temporary employment agencies in Germany.

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