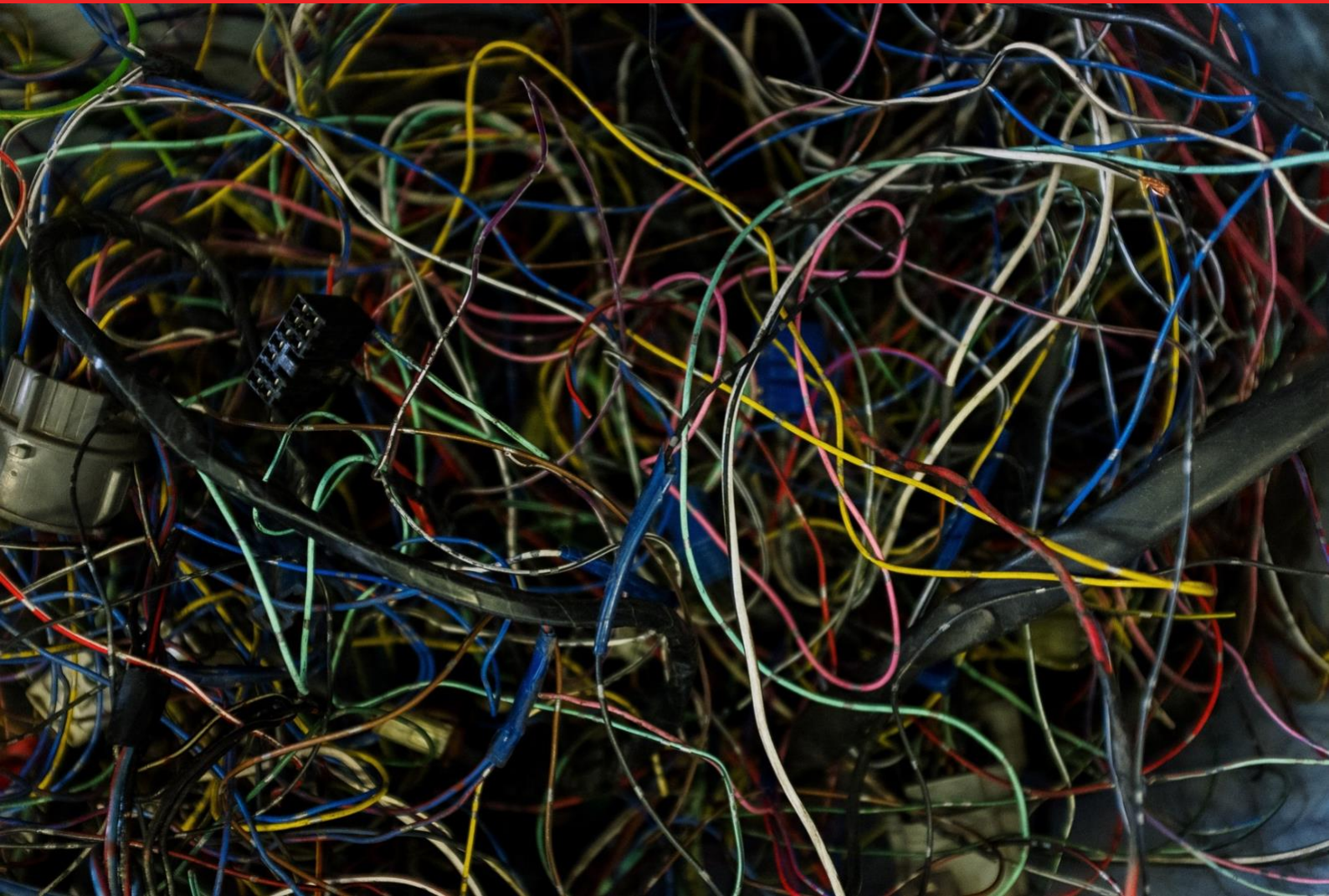


# STEP UP PROTECTION



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Stepping up the European cooperation and communication among public & private organizations for the protection of posted workers' rights”

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## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The international project STEP UP - “Stepping up the European cooperation and communication among public & private organizations for the protection of posted worker's rights” is focused on the phenomenon of transnational posting of workers and aims to verify the application of recent European regulations in the field of labour migration, entrepreneurial behaviour, and the concrete role played by inspection bodies.

Step Up PROTECTION is managed by universities in 5 European countries and takes place between 2020 and 2022.

The idea of the project started from the recent interventions of the European legislator in the field of transnational posting: interventions aimed at avoiding the low-cost posting of staff in the transnational field, with dangerous forms of competition for posted workers.



# STEP UP THIRD INTERMEDIATE MEETING Online Conference Vilnius-2022

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## ABOUT

The Third Intermediate Meeting on the STEP UP project took place on the 26th of January 2022.

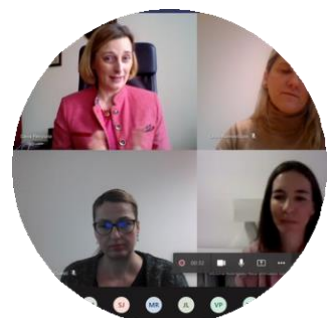
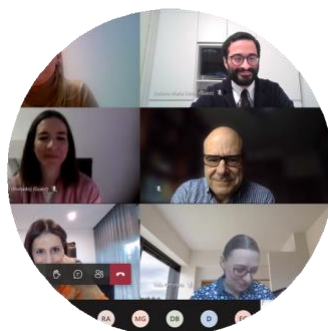
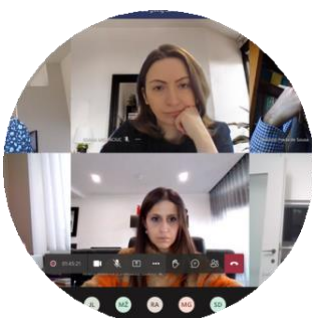
Organised by the Lithuanian Partner, based in Vilnius, the conference was held online, on Teams platform, due to the pandemic context.

The conference brought together representatives of universities and research institutes concerned with the issue of posted workers, from Romania, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Lithuania.

During four hours, from 10:00 – 14:00 (Central European Time – CET), the event gave the participants the opportunity to exchange experience, practices and knowledge on the topic of posted workers, in such challenging times for all the stakeholders.

Each partner country prepared a thorough analysis of the national situation and presented the results of their research within the project, touching upon the national and international legal contexts concerning posted workers, and the existing awareness level in each country.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> intermediate meeting consisted in 2 parts. Starting with some opening words from Professor Daiva Petrylaitė (Vilnius University, Constitutional Court of the Republic of Lithuania) and from Professor Enrico Gragnoli (University of Parma), manager of the project, who also presented an overview of the Step Up Project's evolution, the event had two main sessions, the first one moderated by Associated Professor Vida Petrylaitė (Vilnius University), and the second one, moderated by Professor Daiva Petrylaitė.



- ♦ **Session 1 - Recognition of the national legislative contexts (after the implementation of Directive 2018/957/EU)**

## THE ITALIAN CASE

Dr. Stefano Maria Corso (University of Parma)



## THE PORTUGUESE CASE

Assistant Professor António Frada and Assistant Professor Milena Rouxinol (Portuguese Catholic University)



## THE SPANISH CASE

Victoria Rodríguez-Rico Roldán (University of Granada)



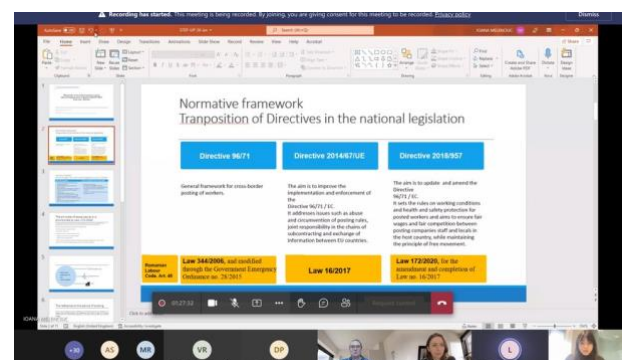
## THE LITHUANIAN CASE

Professor Daiva Petrylaitė (Vilnius University)



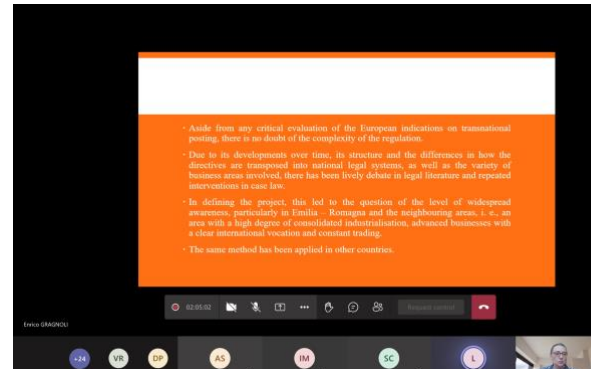
## THE ROMANIAN CASE

Ioana Melenciuc-Ioan (National School of Political Science and Public Administration)



- ♦ **Session 2 - The level of diffusion of information on rights and obligations in situations of cross-border posting among companies and workers in the mechanical industry**

THE ITALIAN CASE Professor Enrico Gagnoli (University of Parma)



THE PORTUGUESE CASE

Assistant Professor Ana Cristina Ribeiro Costa (Portuguese Catholic University)



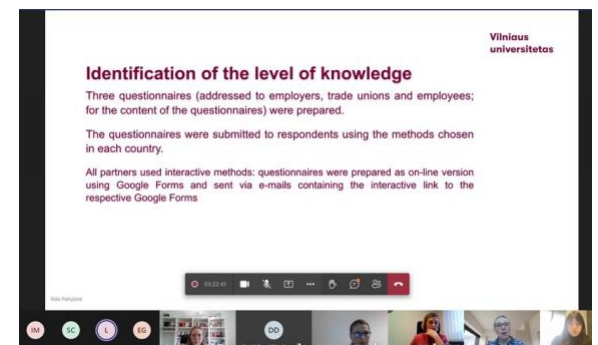
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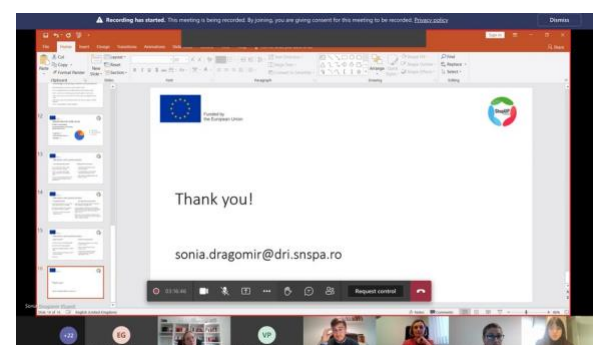
THE LITHUANIAN CASE

Associated Professor Vida Petrylaitė (Vilnius University)



THE ROMANIAN CASE

Sonia Dragomir, PhD candidate (National School of Political Science and Public Administration)





## CONCLUSIONS

One of the main objectives of the third intermediate meeting of Step Up Protection project was the presentation of national research results. With a deep focus on some of the main activities envisaged by the project, regarding the legislative reality, but also on the level of recognition and understanding of the legal framework concerning posted workers, the meeting was, in addition, an opportunity to exchange lessons between the project partners and with interested parties participating at the event, since each session had its own debate time. Thus, the attendees had the occasion to further observe the ground reality, to analyse the research limits, and to open the discussions for future policies aimed to ease the transposition of EU directives. And, by doing so, to improve the overall status of posted workers.

## NEWS

- ♦ **MoveS lunchtime webinar - Posting of workers: latest developments and prospects in social security and labour law:** <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=88&eventsId=1969&furtherEvents=yes#navItem-relatedDocuments>
- ♦ **European Union: Optional EU-Wide Posted Worker Notification Form In Development:** <https://www.fragomen.com/insights/european-union-optional-eu-wide-posted-worker-notification-form-in-development.html>
- ♦ **Fines over cheaper 'posted workers' must be proportionate, EU court says:** <https://www.reuters.com/business/fines-over-cheaper-posted-workers-must-be-proportionate-eu-court-says-2022-03-08/>



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