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# Fighting against Undeclared Work.

## ILO perspective

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# Conceptual approach

- **Shadow economy and UDW**
- **Informal economy (ILO perspective) and UDW**
- **UDW at EU (EC's definition)**
- **National definition???. Scope.**
- **UDW vs illegal work /unregistered/black economy**

**UDW IS A HIDDEN PHENOMENA**

# SCOPE IN EU

- **Many cases and examples.**
- **Increased because crisis**
- **Find in a wide range of workplaces and variety of sectors**
- **Diversity including:**
  - **From undeclared illegal migrant**
  - **To not declaration of some part of the working time**

# Mandate

**LABOUR INSPECTORS** don not cover all the  
manifestation of UDW

# Trends in fighting against UDW

- **LI primary responsibility**
- **Cross agency coordination/ cooperation**
- **Migration related problems**
- **Preventive action and awareness raising**
- **New enforcement procedures?**

# Challenges

- **Need for better legal basis. Better elements for identifying**
- **Social policy facing UDW**
- **Resources and targets**
- **Operational planning and mapping**
- **Accurate and reliable data/ new IT systems**
- **Adequate balance between prevention and sanction**
- **Cross border perspective**

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# Some proposals: looking forward

- **General policy approach**
- **Better use of resources:**
  - **To define and promulgate appropriated measures , including better sanction system**
  - **To reduce administrative burden**
  - **Criteria for interagency cooperation/ cooperation. Wider use of IT in terms of dealing with UDW**
  - **Effective strategic planning**
  - **Plan at different levels preventive action and awareness raising**
  - **Wider use of IT**



# Some proposals: looking forward

- **(cont)**
  - **Dissemination of EU good practices**
  - **International cooperation in a more pilot and target way.**