

Report exposes low pay on big public infrastructure projects

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The LO trade union confederation has investigated three major public infrastructure projects and exposed how pressure from public authorities to keep costs low has led to a sub-contractors paying foreign workers as little as 55% of the wage a worker would receive if covered by the relevant collective agreement. The report also notes how employers change their names and restrict contracts to six months to avoid Swedish tax rules. The projects investigated also show higher accident rates than the industry average. The confederation wants to see changes to public procurement practices that include a requirement to apply the industry collective agreement in contracts.

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