

# **Evidence of impact of austerity on industrial relations in central government**

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A new report from the EIRO industrial relations observatory takes stock of developments in industrial relations in central government administration. It analyses the varied arrangements at national level and concludes that overall the quality of social dialogue has deteriorated. It also provides further evidence of the attacks on pay and conditions across Europe, with pay freezes and pay cuts along with reductions in other benefits, particularly pensions. It argues that: “While the social partners are actively responding to the crisis at the European level, their actions have yet to halt these troubling trends at the national level.”

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