

Minimum wage for waste sector

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The ver.di services union is to negotiate a sectoral minimum wage to cover the waste sector. Both the BDE private employers' association and local government employers (VKA) have agreed to talks. The union wants to ensure that current pay levels are protected by an industry-wide agreement. It says that while virtually all 90,000 municipal workers in the sector are covered by a collective agreement only 20,000 of the 70,000 private sector employees have the same protection.

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The WSI trade union research institute reports that 1.4 million workers in Germany are now covered by minimum wages through general application of the Posted Workers Directive. The sectors affected are mainly in the construction industry but also include cleaners. Similar regulations are expected to cover temporary workers and postal workers. The minimum rates range from €6.36 an hour for cleaners to €12.40 for specialist building workers.

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