

Working time survey reveals few changes in 2005

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The annual survey of negotiated working time by the EIRO industrial relations observatory reveals few changes in working time across the European Union. Perhaps surprisingly it makes no reference to developments in Germany where ver.di has managed to resist employer attempts to impose longer working hours on all public sector workers. In fact, the survey notes a 0.1-hour increase for Germany as a whole as a result of increases in Eastern Germany. The only other change at country level was a small decrease in negotiated hours in Portugal. The survey monitors hours in six sectors and finds that average weekly hours in local government (37.5) and the civil service (37.1) are below overall average hours at 38.6.

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