Survey examines extent and regulation of temporary agency work

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The industrial relations observatory EIRO has published a report looking at the extent of temporary agency work throughout the European Union and the extent to which it is regulated through legislation or collective agreements. The survey found that temporary agency workers were used in the public sector mainly in Denmark, the Netherlands, Norway and the UK. In contrast, there were restrictions on their use in the public sector in Spain and Belgium while in France there is very little use of temporary agency workers in the public sector as cheaper forms of temporary labour are used. Temporary worker agencies are covered by collective agreements in the Netherlands and Denmark.

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