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- · 3 specialists for European Works Councils.
- We have a link with the largest Socialist Trade Union in the NL (FNV) and European Trade Unions (industriAll)
- Published a handbook on EWCs
- We organise a European Works Counc platform in NL







- More than 12 years experience European Working Relations expert and negotiator.
- Trainer and advisor on general communication issues in a intercultural environment and industrial relations in Europe.
- Supported over a 100 international companies in building a sound relationship with their employees.



The EWC different steps.... Different roles...

^{1.} Set up EWC – SNB

- Definition problemsUnions
- 3. Functioning EWC
- A. National transposition law
 & Cultural dimensions
 - Evaluation Directive



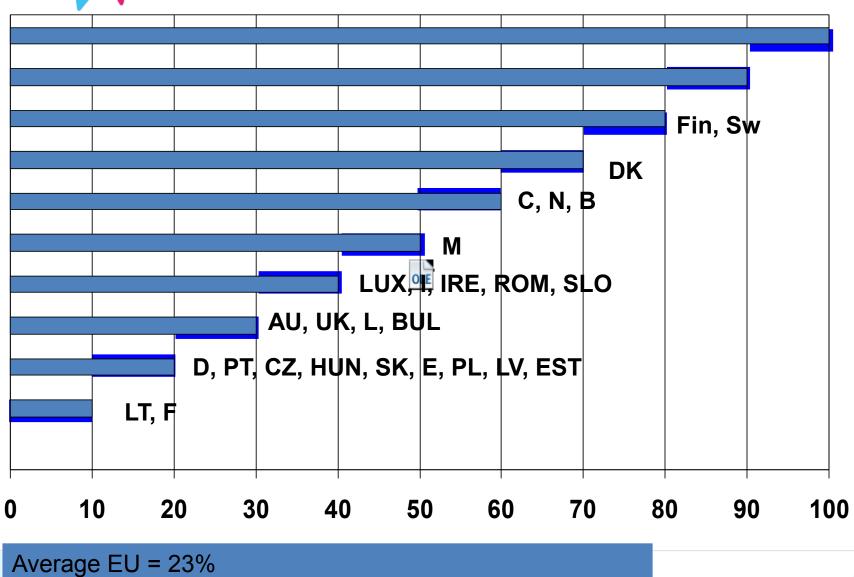
Setting up an SNB The role of the UNION?

- There are about 1000 EWCs in Europe
- There should be about....?

- Who is responsible for the set-up?
- How do you organise



Trade union organization rate 2012



Source: ETUI



Setting up SNB – Union Position

- Unions need to be informed about the setting up of an SNB
- % Union members and how can you play your role?
- SNB elections based on local laws often union involvement

What is the reality?



EWC Directive 2009 .. Vague definitions

- Transnational
- Information & consultation procedures
- Extraordinary circumstances
- Meetings for the Select
 Committee
- Confidentiality



Negotiating Agreements

- Specific role for the Unions (IMPORTANT!)
- · Use 'real' experts!
- Create clarity in the vagueness of the Directive
- Organise counter-balance in the negotiations
- · Often negatistion about



Functioning EWC

- Building experience and training EWCs
- Sometimes political company issues (MT not very willing)
- 3. Quality seat for the union option
- EWCs are difficult to organise strong SC helps
- 5. Build common processes for



Transposition law & cultural dimensions





Transposition laws and cultural dimensions

- Transposition laws are similar but slightly different flavours
- Very much depending on the Local employee laws and working practice.
- Complexity of different laws concerning (time,



Evaluation Directive.....

- European definitions applicable for all EEU countries.
- Better provisions SC
- Communication provisions
- Clarity on consultation topics
- · Catting up may [14/Cal