

UNTRR's actions against the application of the minimum wage in Germany

The National Union of Road Hauliers from Romania – UNTRR- made numerous interventions to Romanian, German and European authorities, and to the relevant national and international institutions:

- requesting clarification on the enforcement of the minimum wage law in Germany to foreign carriers (Romanians);
- calling for urgent action to avoid penalizing abusively the Romanian road transport operators by the German authorities as of 1st January 2015, due to non-application of the German minimum wage law;
- indicating the seriousness of the recent measures taken by Germany, which affect the freedom of services in the European market and warning that the enforcement of such measures pushes Europe on a path of neo-protectionism which ultimately will affect its overall competitiveness over other global competitors.

1. UNTRR official interventions against the enforcement of the German minimum wage law for Romanians:

- [Intervention addressed to the European Commissioner for Transport, Mrs. Violeta Bulc,](#)
- [Intervention addressed to His Excellency Mr. Werner Hans Lauk, German Ambassador to Romania](#)
- [Intervention addressed to the President of FIATA- International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations - Mr. Francesco S. Parisi](#)
- [Intervention addressed to Secretary General -IRU, Mr. Umberto de Pretto](#)
- [Intervention addressed to Chancellor of Germany, Mrs. Angela Merkel](#)
- [Intervention addressed to the European Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs, Skills and Labour Mobility, Mrs. Marianne Thyssen](#)
- [Intervention addressed to the European Commissioner for Competition, Mrs. Margrethe Vestager](#)
- [Interventions addressed to Transport Ministers of the EU Member States and of the following non-EU countries: Turkey, Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus and Serbia](#)

- Email sent by the Secretary General – UNTRR on 24.12.2014 to all 800 Members of the European Parliament

•UNTRR has also received adverse responses from the British Members of the European Parliament

- Email sent by the UNTRR's Secretary General on 11.12.2014 to all road transport associations -IRU members and the correspondence with the professional associations from Hungary and Poland

- UNTRR has tried activating non-EU carriers – from Turkey and Belarus, because they have a greater force as non-EU countries

2. UNTRR interventions to the Romanian authorities and relevant institutions:

- [Prime - Minister of Romania, Mr. Victor Ponta](#)
- [Minister of Transport, Mr. Ioan Rus](#)
- [Minister of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly, Mrs. Rovana Plumb](#)

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- [Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Bogdan Aurescu](#)
- [President of Competition Council, Mr. Marius Bogdan Chiritoiu](#)

- Email sent by the UNTRR's Secretary General on 23.12.2014 to all Romanian Members of the European Parliament

- there were received support and promises of interventions from MEPs Maria Grapini, Renate Weber

- UNTRR email addressed to USER (ROMANIAN FREIGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION) on 19.12.2014

3. UNTRR interventions to the relevant authorities and institutions in Germany, which were asked for clarification on the application of this law to the foreign carriers (Romanian)

- UNTRR requested information from the hauliers association in Germany – BGL, as of 25.11.2014, UNTRR met with representatives of BGL and IRU Brussels on 18.12.14 and was also in contact with BGL through email and phone requesting urgent clarification on the enforcement of the German minimum wage law to the foreign carriers

- all the answers and information received from BGL and IRU Bruxeles have been translated and published on the UNTRR website (www.untrr.ro)

- UNTRR requested information from German passengers association – BDO- on 30.12.2014

- UNTRR requested clarification from German Customs on 30.12.2014

- responses from German Customs have been translated and published on the UNTRR website

- UNTRR contacted a law firm in Germany asking for clarifications regarding the enforcement of the minimum wage in Germany to the Romanian carriers, as well as assistance in filling in the model of a notification form for a Romanian carrier to the German Customs

4. UNTRR dispatched the following press releases:

- [Press release, 14th January 2015: Germany sets a dangerous precedent for the EU, by imposing the national rules to the other 27 EU Member States, without the European Commission or the European Parliament!](#)

[Press release: 16th December 2014: Quo vadis, the European Union?Germany imposes a minimum wage to the carriers of other Member States, joining the Western States which have adopted measures against freedom of services in the EU. Penalty for non-compliance with the minimum wage per hour in Germany can reach EUR 500.000!](#)

The press release of 16th December 2014 was translated into English and German and was dispatched to the German media: **Die Zeit, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Die Welt, Frankfurter Rundschau, Münchner Merkur, Der Tagesspiegel, Handelsblatt, die tageszeitung, Neues Deutschland, Junge Freiheit, Junge Welt, Jungle**

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World, Berliner Tageszeitung, DPA - Deutsche Presse-Agentur, RTL television, ZDF, ProSiben, Spiegel International, Dpa-AFX.

This press release is available on the UNTRR website in English and German:

[PRESS RELEASE, 06.01.2015: Quo vadis, the European Union? Germany imposes a minimum wage to the carriers of other Member States, joining the Western States which have adopted measures against freedom of services in the EU. Penalty for non-compliance with the minimum wage per hour in Germany can reach EUR 500.000!](#)

[PRESSEERKLÄRUNG, 7.Januar 2015: Quo vadis, Europäische Union? Deutschland verpflichtet die Verkehrsunternehmen anderer Mitgliedsstaaten zu einem Mindestlohn und schliesst sich somit den westlichen Staaten an, die Massnahmen gegen Erbringung freier Dienstleistungen innerhalb der EU ergreifen. Die Strafe für die Nichtgewährleistung des deutschen Mindestlohns kann sich auf 500.000 Euro belaufen.](#)

All UNTRR interventions and responses received by our association on the enforcement of minimum wage law German to the foreign carriers (Romanians) are published on the UNTRR website - www.untrr.ro - on the first page and on Interventions and Press Releases sections.

