

Improving working conditions in the transport and logistics sectors



WEBINAR

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This is the second webinar of Electronics Watch's 2025 Knowledge Building Series for public buyers. It is part of an Innovation Pilot to strengthen and expand our impact model via webinars and online workshops that will help you understand risks in your supply chains.

Why transport and logistics?

Transport and logistics are critical to our global economy. 18.5 million workers are employed in these sectors, where many are subject to violations of their rights, including modern slavery and forced labour. They suffer unsafe working conditions, discrimination and harassment, poor pay and long hours doing physically arduous work on precarious contracts. The labour costs in freight, warehousing and distribution are rarely made explicit in tenders and contracts. Unscrupulous logistics and transport suppliers take advantage of the hidden nature of these services by exploiting workers to reduce their costs. But public buyers can use their purchasing power as leverage to improve the lives of workers.



About the webinar

Transport and logistics workers, inspectors and employers will share their expertise on labour and human rights issues in the sector. They will highlight good practices to tackle worker rights violations, and provide practical advice for your procurement processes. Speakers will discuss questions to ask suppliers, and provide guidance on employment standards that public buyers should expect to see in these sectors, as well as sources of expertise for further information and advice. The webinar will combine insights from the expert panellists with discussion among participants.

Speakers will address:

- The biggest challenges facing transport and logistics workers
- Key labour and human rights risks in the transport and logistics sectors
- What you can do to manage these issues in your tenders and contracts
- Examples from labour rights organisations, businesses and other stakeholders working in road transport, shipping and warehousing
- Key recommendations (do's & don'ts) for public buyers

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