

On 20.03.24, the three national research teams of the international joint project "European Works Councils after Brexit: Institutional Stability, Change and Demise in Transnational Employment Relations" (EWCaB) met for a spring workshop in Bochum. In this context, the teams brought together the latest results of their empirical research on the impact of Brexit on European Works Councils and Societas Europaea Works Councils in Europe and discussed the accompanying institutional change in the said field. We are especially looking forward to presenting our latest findings at ILERA in New York City on June 27, 2024 (4.55 Transnational Employment Relations in the European Union Symposium - Nassau West)! As a German team, we would like to thank our French colleagues from IRES and our Welsh colleagues from Cardiff for their active participation! We look forward to seeing you again at the next summer workshop in Cardiff!

The research project between Ruhr University Bochum, Cardiff University and the Institut de Recherches Economiques et Sociales Paris examines the impact of Brexit on European Works Councils and Societas Europaea Works Councils. EWCs grant consultation and information rights to employees in multinational companies (MNCs) operating in the European Union (EU). The decision of the United Kingdom (UK) to leave the EU had an impact on EWCs as it affected two threshold conditions of EWC legislation, namely the existence of sites in at least two European countries with 150 employees and a required total size of the European company of 1,000 employees. Brexit meant that some multinational companies with subsidiaries in the UK no longer met these conditions.

