

Countdown to the EU Directive: Transposition Trends and Preparing for the Right to Information

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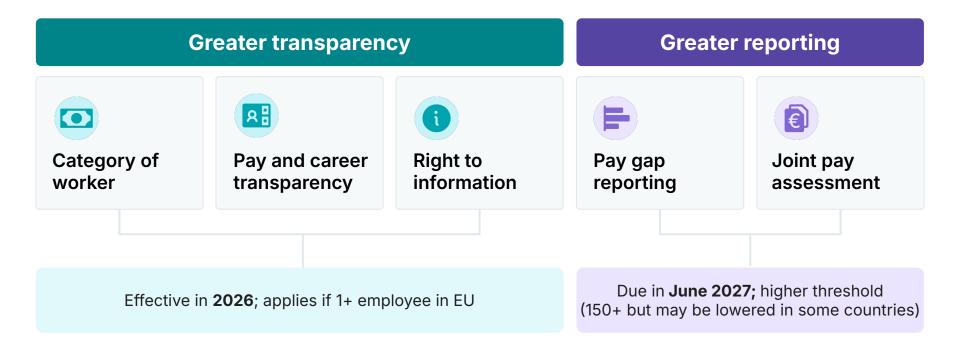
Poll Question

How well do you know the EU Member State drafts released so far for the EU Pay Transparency Directive?

- A. I could give a TED Talk on them
- B. I've skimmed a few highlights
- C. I'm up to speed on my country's draft, but that's about it
- D. That's why I am here, this is my crash course

Current landscape outlook

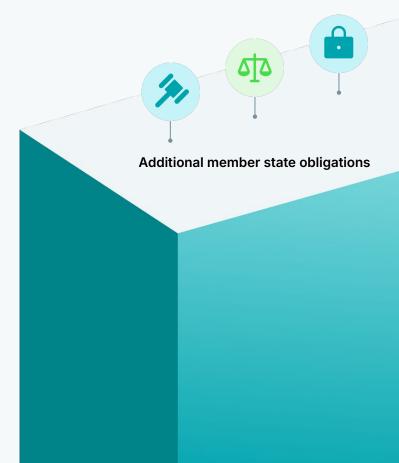
EU Pay Transparency Directive key requirements



The Directive's requirements are the floor, not the ceiling

Member states may add additional obligations, as we are already seeing with the first 7 drafts.

EU Directive

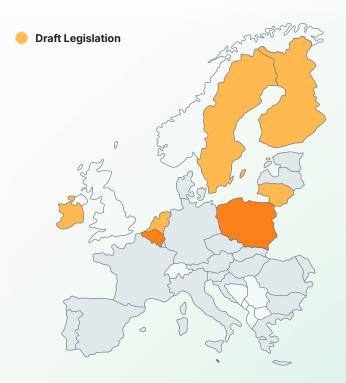


Inside the first 7 drafts: Key signals for compliance

Still a long road to go, but current drafts offer a roadmap

There are drafts of the Directive in only **7 of 27** EU countries







Reporting won't be "one size fits all"



What the Directive requires, at baseline

Overall Pay Gap	Category of Worker Pay Gap
(a) the mean gender pay gap;	(g) the mean gender pay gap between workers by categories of workers broken down by ordinary basic wage or salary and
(b) the gender pay gap in complementary or variable components;	complementary or variable components of pay
(c) the median gender pay gap;	
(d) the median gender pay gap in complementary or variable components;	
(e) the proportion of female and male workers receiving complementary or variable components;	
(f) the proportion of female and male workers in each quartile pay band	

WHAT THE EARLY DRAFTS TELL US

#1 Reporting won't be "one size fits all"



Sweden retained its existing reporting framework, while adding overall pay gap reporting and new reporting on pay after return from leave.



Belgium's Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles region requires reporting on the impact of family-related leaves.



Finland's government will prepare the overall pay gap information (employers are responsible for the category of worker analysis). Plus, existing reporting remains intact.



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Free coffee isn't driving your pay gaps

WHAT THE EARLY DRAFTS TELL US

#2 Free coffee isn't driving your pay gaps



The Netherlands embraces a broad pay definition, only excluding employer-wide costs not tracked at the individual level (e.g. allowances for sports subscriptions or work clothes).



Finland sets the clearest picture of pay data expectations yet: reporting will rely on payroll data already submitted, which will be based on taxable earnings.

Don't boil the data ocean; be strategically pragmatic on data

Understand the data you have first

You won't get a tidy checklist of pay transparency requirements by country soon. So don't wait for clarity. **Build your cross-border data strategy now.**

7 key pay types

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Think of **the big 7**:

Base Pay Complementary & Variable Pay

- Bonus
- Equity
- Allowances
- Health Benefits
- Wealth Benefits
- Paid Time Off

Focus on taxable discretionary pay



Where to start: focus first largest discretionary, taxable pay elements

where inequities are most likely to arise



Pay scale transparency depends on where you hire



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Applicants for employment shall have the right to receive, from the prospective employer, information about: (a) the initial pay or its range, based on objective, gender-neutral criteria, to be attributed for the position concerned; and (b) where applicable, the relevant provisions of the collective agreement applied by the employer in relation to the position. Such information shall be provided in a manner such as to ensure an informed and transparent negotiation on pay, such as in a published job vacancy notice, prior to the job interview or otherwise."

- EU Pay Transparency Directive, Article 5, Pay transparency prior to employment

#3 Pay scale transparency depends on where you hire



Ireland mandates pay ranges in job postings, pushing beyond the Directive's minimum requirements.



Belgium's Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles region requires pay ranges to be shared as soon as job offers or ads are published.



Lithuania already requires posting pay ranges.





Privacy is the elephant in the room



#4 Privacy is the elephant in the room



Finland didn't set a numerical threshold of when companies should only share with works council and not with employees due to privacy considerations.



Sweden says that disclosure of average salary data by gender is seen as not triggering sensitive data protections. There is acknowledgment of edge cases (e.g., small groups revealing individual salaries), but the risk is seen as low.

Flexibility remains on category of worker groupings



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E]mployers must have pay structures in place ensuring that there are no gender-based pay differences between workers performing the same work or work of equal value that are not justified on the basis of objective, gender-neutral criteria. Such pay structures should allow for the comparison of the value of different jobs within the same organisational structure. It should be possible to **base such pay** structures on existing Union guidelines related to gender-neutral job evaluation and classification systems, or on indicators or gender-neutral models."

- EU Pay Transparency Directive, Preamble, Section 26

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There are many variations in job evaluation methodologies used worldwide. However, basic general methods of job evaluation are: **ranking**, **classification [job architecture]**, **factor comparison**, **and points**."

- EU Pay Transparency Directive, Commission Staff Working Document, Annex 1, Gender Neutral Job and Classification Systems

The Directive doesn't say "points-based." Do you need to?

What You are Being Told	What the Directive Actually Says	What You May Already Have
"You need a full redesign." Points-based. Global overhaul.	 "Gender-neutral job evaluation or classification system." Ranking Classification Factor comparison Points-based methods (Annex I) 	A functioning job architecture based on job levels, job families, and consistent roles across functions.
High spend, long timelines. Can be €100K+ for a new job architecture.	No mandate for points or any specific method — just that it be gender-neutral and transparent.	Classification = valid method. Your job architecture framework may already meet the requirement with some reinforcement.
"Fix the structure, then address equity."	Directive focus: Ensure equal pay for equal work or work of equal value. Not redesign — evaluation and transparency.	You can start now. Assess neutrality, fill gaps, and document rationale using existing systems.

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Don't forget temporary workers?



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This Directive applies to all workers who have an employment contract or employment relationship as defined by law, collective agreements and/or practice in force in each Member State with consideration to the case-law of the Court of Justice."

- EU Pay Transparency Directive, Article 2, Scope

WHAT THE EARLY DRAFTS TELL US

#6 Don't forget temporary workers?



The Netherlands may require reporting on staffing agency workers.

But note: Significant push back on the comments. Will The Netherlands walk this back?





Right to information is holding firm



WHAT THE EARLY DRAFTS TELL US

#7 Right to information is holding firm



Poland's early draft proposed shortening the response time to 14 days, but that's since been rolled back. This is not addressed in current legislation.



Sweden says use what you've got: employers can rely on their existing annual pay analyses to meet employee requests.

Right to info export

Comply with the Right to Information article 7 in the EU Pay Transparency Directive with one-click employee pay data exports

Select employees

Easily select one or more employees from your PayEQ People page.

Configure report

Enter in hours worked and select a language for your report.

Download report

In one click, generate a report in the employee's language and currency with all the information required by article 7.

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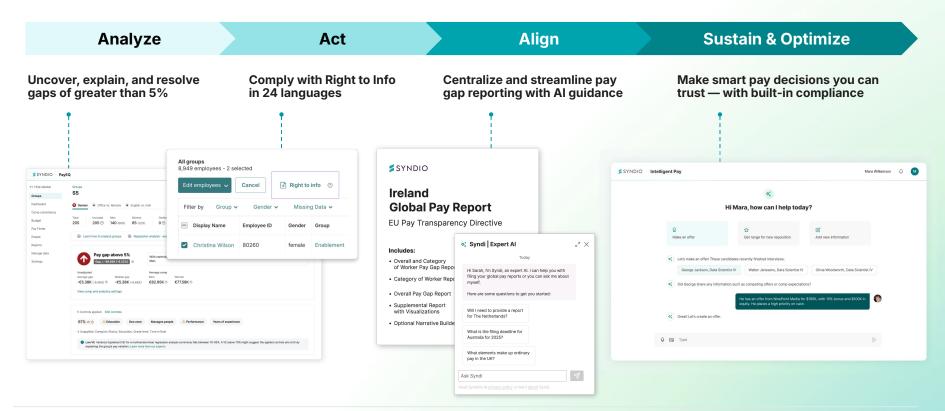
How to prepare now

4 steps to drive your global pay transparency & compliance strategy

Assess	Analyze	Act	Align
 INTERNAL Leaders Employees Recruiters EXTERNAL Stakeholders 	 Country reports Internal postings (e.g. Employee Rights and policies) Manage information requests Consider voluntary disclosures 	 Eliminate pay gaps ≥5% Address all underpaid individual employees Manage size of overall pay gap Fix root causes 	 Align with the Right to Information Communication Remediation planning
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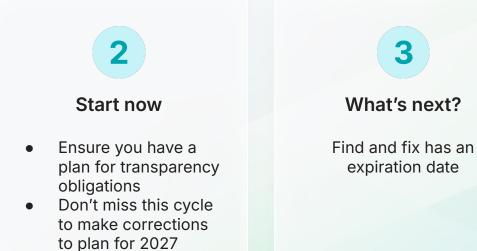
One platform to meet all your compliance needs



Key takeaways

Local nuance is smart. Local chaos is not.

The 7 early drafts tell us you'll need an EU strategy and 27 local playbooks



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Appendix



Sweden







Sweden

Date: 1 May 2024 Link to Draft Three Nuances of Sweden's Draft Transposition of the EU PTD

- 1. First and extensive: Sweden was the first to publish draft legislation, delivering 388 pages of article-by-article guidance, the most detailed proposal to date.
- 2. Complex and bespoke reporting: Sweden retains its existing reporting framework (equal work, equal value, i.e., category of worker, and hierarchical analysis) with written reports required for employers with 10+ employees. New additions include EU-mandated overall pay gap reporting for employers with 100+, and new reporting on pay after return from leave.
- 3. Right to information: use what you've got: To meet employee requests, employers can rely on their existing annual pay analyses. There's no requirement to refresh data outside the annual cycle.

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Belgium









Three Nuances of Belgium's Draft Transposition of the EU PTD

- **1. First transposition but regionally limited:** First to transpose the Directive but only covers approx 7.5K employees subject to jurisdiction of Fédération Wallonie-Bruxelles.
- 2. Strict pay range transparency: Goes farther than the Directive pay ranges must be shared as soon as job offers or ads are published.
- 3. Pay reporting beyond the Directive's baseline: Mandates reporting on the impact of family-related leaves on remuneration, disaggregated by gender and leave type.



Ireland







Ireland Date: 15 Jan 2025 Link to Draft

Three Nuances of Ireland's Draft Transposition of the EU PTD

- **1. Partial picture, gaps to fill:** Ireland's draft focuses on pre-employment transparency but omits rest, including pay gap reporting.
- 2. Pay ranges in job posting: The draft requires pay ranges to be in job postings, going beyond the Directive.
- **3. Alignment on salary history ban:** Aligns with the EU Pay Transparency Directive, banning asking about prior pay.



The Netherlands







The Netherlands

Date: 25 March 2025 Link to Draft

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Three Nuances of The Netherlands' Draft Transposition of the EU PTD

1. Stays truest to the Directive: Complete draft, which is the closest to clean implementation of the EU PTD of any country.

- 2. Pay is broad and more guidance is coming: Takes a broad definition of pay (Only employer-wide costs not tracked at the individual level are excluded — keeping reports standardized and comparable.More definition of wages coming soon.
- 3. Temporary workers included in "host" company.



Poland







Poland Latest: 9 May 2025 Link to Draft

Three Nuances of Poland's Draft Transposition of the EU PTD

- 1. Piecemeal approach and accelerated timeline: Only addresses the pay transparency obligations; Poland plans for a second process for rest. The act is scheduled to take effect 6 months after implementation.
- 2. Steps back from more aggressive right to info timeline: Steps back from earlier draft, which shortened right to information timeline to 14 days.
- **3. Lingering confusion about pay scale transparency.** Draft does not mandate including ranges in job postings but confusion if this was the intent.



Finland







Finland Latest: 16 May 2025

Link to Draft

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Three Nuances of Finland's Draft Transposition of the EU PTD

- **1. Reporting nuances, galore.** Finnish government will prepare overall pay gap information, employers responsible for category of worker analysis. Plus existing reporting remains intact.
- 2. Focus on taxable earnings: As government will prepare draft based on payroll data already submitted, we have the clearest picture of data that will be required in Finland. And it's based on taxable earnings.
- 3. Gives nod to but does not resolve privacy considerations: No numerical threshold set when should only share with works council and not with employees due to privacy considerations.



Lithuania







Lithuania

Latest: 20 May 2025 Link to Draft Here and here Three Nuances of Lithuania's Draft Transposition of the EU PTD

- 1. Partial draft focused on pre-employment transparency
- 2. Pay scale transparency is not new: Lithuania is a leader in pay scale transparency in Europe, as this is already and existing requirement to post pay ranges.
- **3. Language neutrality is a big deal.** Lithuanian grammar encodes gender into nearly all job titles, so requiring gender-neutral language will take meaningful focus to address.