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Cooperating Service closed

The Cooperating Service is going to be closed from 9.00 to 13.00 on Tuesday 1 September 2026. This closure means that the afternoon wait times may be longer than normal. Because of that, we recommend that you call on the following day or later in the week. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Meeting on the rights and obligations of recognised sponsors

Team Business Relationship Management is organising a meeting in Utrecht from 10.00 to 12.00 on 17 September 2026. The theme of the meeting is the rights and obligations of recognised sponsors. It will start with a presentation and will be followed by a discussion of cases. If you have a case you would like to discuss, or a question about the theme, submit them before midday on Monday 14 September 2026.

Register for the meeting before 10 September 2026, as the number of places is limited and a maximum of two people per organisation applies.

How to register for a meeting

Send an email to team.zakelijk@ind.nl, stating the following details:

- the name of the meeting
- your organisation's name
- your Chamber of Commerce registration number
- the names and email addresses of the participants

EU trade agreement with the United Kingdom: new admission scheme

New rules have applied since 1 July 2026 for British people employed in liberal professions and service providers who work on a contract basis. This scheme replaces the temporary workaround, under which both groups used the existing single permit application for paid employment. Service providers who work on a contract basis will continue to be covered by the single permit. People employed in liberal professions can apply for a permit which is subject to the restriction 'professional within the meaning of the applicable Trade Agreement'.

What are the most important changes?

- The Employee Insurance Agency (Uitvoeringsinstituut Werknemers Verzekeringen, UWV) will check whether the role requires a qualification which is at least at higher vocational education (hoger beroepsonderwijs, HBO) or university (wetenschappelijk onderwijs, WO) level.
- Service providers who work on a contract basis, or people employed in a liberal profession, can submit a declaration from their client to demonstrate that they hold a qualification, or possess knowledge, at higher vocational education (HBO) or university (WO) level.
- Residence permits cannot be extended beyond the maximum period of 12 months for the purpose of carrying out the same work for the same employer.
- The income of someone employed in a liberal profession must be at least equal to the minimum wage.

You can find all the information about this scheme on the page [Residence permit under EU-UK Trade Agreement](#).