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The impact of transnational framework agreements on industrial relations in Europe

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Transnational Framework Agreements (TFA) – A phenomenon concentrated in Europe

- International Framework Agreements (IFA)
- stipulated by the GUF (Global Union Federation)
- applied globally
- minimum standards (ILO Declaration, 1998)
- TFAs developed also in Europe particularly since 2000. They can be signed by European Industry Federations, EWCs and national trade unions. They are called *European framework agreements* (EFA)





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Quantitative development



- 224 TFAs in 2012
- 19 (1988-2000)
- 200 (2001-2011)













- Approximately 85% of TFAs signed with companies based in continental Europe (coordinated market economies: FR, DE, SE, NL...)
- (source: AUDENCIA Nantes Institute for Global Responsibility)





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Distribution (I)















USA18

South Africa

O Brazil 3

Indonesia

 Australia, Canada, Japan, Malaysia, New Zealand, Russia

O Total: 32

(source: AUDENCIA Nantes – Institute for Global Responsibility)





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Distribution (II)

I Iron & Steel 52











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| Energy | 27 |
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| Food & Beverages | 24 |
| Chemistry | 21 |
| Building | 18 |
| Financial services | 16 |
| o IT | 12 |
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Commerce

 Graphics, Safety, Transportation, Tourism, Textiles, Cleaning, Temporary work

(source: AUDENCIA Nantes - Institute for Global Responsibility)





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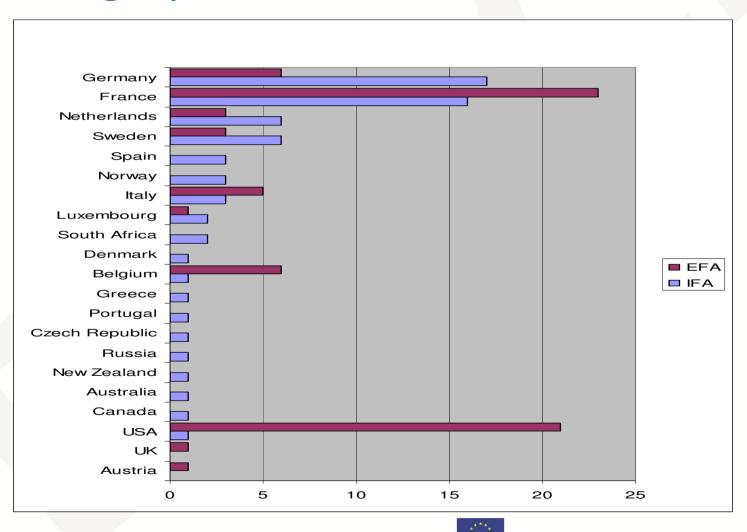




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Geographic distribution of TFAs



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