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Subject: Non-discriminatory practices for the distribution of social security allowances to self-employed workers in EU

Access to social security is a fundamental right of the European social model. The International Labour Organisation has adopted recommendations on 'national floors of social protection' with the aim of safeguarding the right of every individual to social security and a decent standard of living.

According to Parliament resolution of 14 January 2014 on social protection for all, including self-employed workers, self-employed workers should not be discriminated against in terms of social security support compared to employed workers. Council Regulation (EEC) No 1408/71 of 14 June 1971 on the application of social security schemes to workers and their families has been amended to include both developments at Community and national level.

However, these rules were not applied in equal measure in all Member States and many workers other than employed workers are facing social discrimination, as in the case of prolonged, non-occupational diseases. The EU and the Member States should ensure that all workers, including those who are self-employed have access to social allowances irrespective of their contract type.

What does the EU intend to defend the rights of vulnerable categories of workers?