

Question for written answer E-004543/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Amendment to Directive 96/71/EC of 16 December 1996 concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services

Directive 96/71/EC establishes a core set of clearly defined working conditions that service providers have to guarantee workers in the Member State they are posted to, so that those posted workers (approximately 1.9 million each year) are given a minimum level of protection.

It is generally accepted that the directive has served its purpose well for years.

1. Why has the Commission decided to propose draft Directive COM(2016)128 of 8 March 2016 amending Directive 96/71/EC, which will yet again divide Europe and increase the costs, administrative burden and legal uncertainty for companies posting workers?
2. Why has the Commission ignored the joint request by EU social partners to consult the draft directive before it is published under the TFEU?
3. Is the Commission aware that the draft directive will greatly increase costs for service providers, many of which will collapse as a result?