

**Question for written answer E-006003/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Status of posted workers

In 1996, Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services defined the status of 'posted worker'.

Posted workers carry out short assignments in EU Member States other than that in which they normally work.

Although posted workers receive the same pay as local workers, the social security contributions payable remain at the same rates as in the sending Member State.

Opening up the EU labour market without first harmonising social security systems has inevitably given rise to a form of 'social dumping'.

Can the Commission say how it intends to resolve this problem, which poses a threat not only to the socio-economic balance of the EU as a whole, but also to the national cohesion of the Member States in which the legislation is causing problems?