

**Question for written answer E-001151/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Relevance of the revision of the Posted Workers Directive

The revision of the Posted Workers Directive aims to facilitate the cross-border provision of services, but continually runs into trouble on the issue of the protection of the workers concerned.

The Commission stresses the importance of the legislation, arguing that significant skills shortages in certain sectors compel companies to resort to posting in order to ensure they have qualified staff.

In practice, however, the directive has brought about a considerable loss of skills in certain sectors such as construction. The legislation has also had the adverse effect that it tends to undermine the autonomy of the social partners.

Why does the Commission not recognise that unfair competition happens because of labour costs and not of skills shortages?

Why does it not agree to purely and simply repeal the directive as the only way to get Europe out of the crisis, given the large number of national parliaments and assemblies that are hostile to the current arrangement?