

**Question for written answer P-013728/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Prospects to impose an EU-wide minimum wage

The French government has unveiled a plan to amend the Posted Workers Directive to make it more protective. Specifically, this would mean strengthening co-operation between labour inspection authorities and introducing a minimum wage in each Member State. An initial discussion regarding this French initiative will take place at a meeting of EU social affairs ministers, scheduled for 9 and 10 December.

What is the position of the Commission on this initiative? Does the EU have the authority to impose a minimum wage in each Member State?

Does the Commission have any evidence to the effect that the Posted Workers Directive is being wrongly implemented, and if so, in which Member States?

Does the Commission think that the Posted Workers Directive is insufficient and that a new regulation is therefore required to prevent so-called social dumping? Does the Commission agree with the term social dumping and does it think it should be used to justify the introduction of a new protective regulation?