Question for written answer E-011065/2014 to the Commission Rule 130 Danuta Jazłowiecka (PPE)

Subject: Implementing Directive 2014/67/EU on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services

On 15 May 2014, implementing Directive 2014/67/EU on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services came into force. The European Parliament and the Council of the European Union have been working on the draft directive for the best part of two years, in the end coming up with a compromise text that commanded a substantial majority in both institutions. Bringing work on such a difficult document to a conclusion and securing a transnational and transpolitical understanding was recognised as one of the major successes of the 2009-2014 parliamentary term.

In their early interviews and interventions in the European Parliament, referring to the Directives on the posting of workers, members of the newly appointed European Commission kept alluding to the so-called targeted review, leaving confusion in their wake as to how the European Commission's intentions for the future of these directives should be interpreted. Transposition of the newly adopted implementing directive will require some time, and it will take a further 3 years for its effectiveness to be assessed, thus automatically ruling out any kind of auditing activities during the following 5 years. With a view to clearing up any misunderstandings and clarifying the European Commission's intentions in this regard, I wish to ask them the following:

Is it the European Commission's intention to suspend the transposition of Directive 2014/67/EU and put forward a new legislative proposal?

Is it the Commission's intention to shorten the review period referred to in Article 24 of this directive?

What, in practice, is meant by 'targeted review' and how does it relate to both mandatory directives on the posting of workers?