

**Question for written answer E-002035/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Posted workers: What action is being taken by the Commission?

The 1996 directive concerning the posting of workers allows undertakings to post employees temporarily in an EU Member State other than their own, a practice which encourages social dumping and gives rise to significant fraud.

The Commission headed by Mr Juncker promised to review the directive, of which a new draft is to be presented on 8 March 2016 by Marianne Thyssen, European Commissioner responsible for employment and social affairs. In the new version, however, the social insurance contributions payable are still those of the country of origin, opening the door to dumping practices that are particularly unfavourable to national undertakings and threatening Europe's economic equilibrium.

In view of this:

Is the Commission fully aware of the effects of social dumping with regard to social insurance contributions?

Does it intend to address this issue before the new text is presented?