

**Question for written answer E-003238/2020
to the Commission**

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Subject: Problems with the A1 certificate

The ease with which workers can cross borders within the EU has strengthened the internal market and bound Member States closer together and strengthened them. The introduction of the A1 certificate is intended to counteract undeclared work and prevent social dumping. While both must be a goal of internal market policy, the great advantages of the internal market are now being disrupted in individual cases because of the time it takes to process and issue the A1 certificate - it can take several weeks. Short-term business trips within the European Union are therefore difficult to arrange.

With a digital solution, the waiting time for issuing an A1 certificate can be reduced to around 24 hours and the automation of the response can be increased to around 80%, as the Belgian system has shown.

1. Is the Commission aware of the current problem with issuing A1 certificates at short notice?
2. Is it considering introducing a Europe-wide harmonised online reporting platform as a sensible and feasible solution?
3. What further steps is the Commission planning to take to tackle undeclared work and social dumping in an unbureaucratic and sensible manner?