

**Question for written answer E-005818/2020
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Refusal on the part of the German Federal Employment Agency to allow employees of firms based abroad to take part in the short-time working scheme

On 6 August 2020, the Commission replied to my question for written answer, E-003246/20¹, stating that it intended to examine whether German short-time work schemes fall within the material scope of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004. If this were not the case, the Commission would examine whether the short-time working scheme could be considered a 'social advantage' within the meaning of Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 492/2011.

Have there been any developments? When can we expect the result of the Commission's deliberations?

¹ [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2020/003246/P9_RE\(2020\)003246_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/questions/reponses_qe/2020/003246/P9_RE(2020)003246_EN.pdf)