Question for written answer E-003188/2021/rev.1 to the Commission Rule 138

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Subject: Harassment of companies registered in Poland and providing services in France

Conditions for the provision of services in France by companies from Poland have deteriorated significantly over the last year. This applies in particular to construction and transport companies, as well as trading companies.

These companies operating in France are subjected to frequent inspections, high fines and other restrictions, which often makes it impossible for them to operate or significantly increases their costs.

Moreover, France has changed its laws in such a way as to link the provision of services by companies registered outside the country with the possible offence of 'submerged' employment (employees posted to France from other Member States often face charges of 'submerged' employment).

As the freedom to provide services in the EU applies, restrictions of this kind are a blatant attack on a principle enshrined in the Treaties.

Parliament's Committee on Petitions has received two complaints from Polish entrepreneurs concerning the actions of French institutions to restrict the provision of services in that country.

Does the Commission intend to carry out an urgent investigation of this situation and take radical steps to put an end to the harassment of companies registered in Poland and providing services in France?