

**Question for written answer E-003487/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Usefulness of the European social security pass compared to the European social security number

The Commission has announced that it will no longer pursue the idea of a European social security number. It has instead launched a pilot project for a European social security pass (ESSPASS), as announced in the European Pillar of Social Rights Action Plan in March 2021. The purpose of the pass, however, remains unclear. If it is only a means of identifying mobile workers, we would be missing an opportunity to launch an initiative that meets the needs of mobile workers and companies operating across borders and provide an effective means to collect real-time information, thereby preventing wage and social dumping.

1. The pilot project focuses on digitising the procedures related to social security form A1. Could the Commission please elaborate on the difference between the digitisation processes that will be carried out for the single digital gateway and the ESSPASS in this regard? Who is meant to have access to the data stored in the ESSPASS and on the gateway?
2. What data and information will be deposited or made accessible through the ESSPASS to ensure the portability of social security rights across borders? Will the ESSPASS ensure real-time verification to strengthen enforcement? How will the ESSPASS ensure that the facts behind the data are correct and in line with the applicable rules?