

Question for written answer E-003585/2021
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: A1 certificate in connection with the posting of workers

The posting of workers within the internal market necessitates the issuing of an A1 certificate (certificate concerning the applicable rules) for every cross-border activity, even in the case of a stay of only a few hours. This certificate must be applied for in advance and posted workers must have it with them at all times. It ensures that employers do not have to pay social security contributions more than once when they post workers abroad and that workers do not have to leave their own country's social security system temporarily.

The basic idea behind the A1 certificate is a good one. However, everyday experience with the system shows that red tape is the enemy of speed and flexibility. A workable solution is needed, therefore, which both guards against abuses of the system and consists of unbureaucratic procedures most of which can be completed online.

I would therefore like to ask the following questions:

1. Is the Commission planning to introduce a single EU-wide online registration platform to simplify the application process?
2. Will it in future allow workers to undertake duty travel and business trips of up to one week's duration without insisting on registration and the submission of further documents?
3. How does it intend to combat effectively undeclared work and social dumping in connection with the posting of workers?