

**Question for written answer E-004898/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

**Pascal Arimont (PPE)**

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

In his answer to question No E-003246/2020 of 6 August 2020, Commissioner Nicolas Schmit stated that the Commission would examine whether short-time work compensation could be regarded as a 'social advantage' in the sense of Article 7(2) of Regulation (EU) No 492/2011 if it does not fall within the material scope of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004.

1. Has this examination been carried out in the meantime?
2. What position has the Commission taken on this matter?