Question for written answer E-003351/2022 to the Commission Rule 138 Pascal Arimont (PPE)

Subject: Directive 2001/55/EC on minimum standards for giving temporary protection

People who lived in Ukraine and left the country after 24 February 2022 to flee the war are entitled, under certain conditions, to temporary protection in all EU Member States. Under the directive on the minimum standards for giving temporary protection, they have the right to a residence permit, to access to the job market and accommodation, to medical care and to education for their children.

When such individuals live in a border area of a Member State, as skilled workers, they are often seen as assets for the job markets on both sides of the border. However, because of the protection status, they are not allowed to work outside their country of residence.

- 1. Would the Commission be ready to give people with protection status the opportunity to work across borders?
- 2. If so, how would it adapt the legal framework to make this possible?