

**Question for written answer E-000639/2024
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: What's next for the A1 certificate?

Enforcement Directive 2014/67/EU and revised Directive (EU) 2018/957 concerning the posting of workers have created unnecessary barriers to the provision of services abroad. The Member States have now all adopted different notification requirements for postings and there are different rules in force all across Europe. The 'A1 certificate' compounds the issue. Although it stems from Regulation (EC) No 883/2004, Member States have adopted completely different approaches when it comes to managing the requirement to present or carry such a certificate.

In almost all Member States, the skills and labour shortage presents one of the biggest economic challenges for the coming years. Although the increasing demand for skills and labour cannot be systematically and persistently met by labour migration alone, the migration of skilled workers, especially from non-EU countries, is an important pillar in addressing the skills shortage.

1. Will the Commission present a new proposal in view of the difficulties encountered during the negotiations on the revision of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004, and will the recast include a practicable exception to the requirement to apply for an A1 certificate for short-term employment abroad?
2. With regards to e-Declaration, does the Commission intend to propose a regulation similar to that for the Corona App in order to speed up implementation?
3. How does the Commission intend to speed up the revision of the directive on long-term residents (Directive 2003/109/EC) and the directive on a single application procedure for a single permit (Directive 2011/98/EU)?

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