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Establishment of a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work

Proposal for a decision

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Amendment A

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Rapporteur 1, McIntyre 72, Martin 73, Kuneva et al 74, Arena 75, IMCO 1

Proposal for a regulation

Title

Text proposed by the Commission

Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a European platform to enhance cooperation in ***the prevention and deterrence*** of undeclared work

Amendment

Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a European platform to enhance cooperation in ***tackling*** undeclared work

Or. en

Amendment B

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 84 Reintke, AM 85 Dlabajová, Tørnæs, Harkin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 3

Text proposed by the Commission

(3) Article 151 of the Treaty sets out as objectives in the field of social policy the promotion of employment and improved living and working conditions. With a view to achieving these objectives, the Union can support and complement the activities of Member States in the fields of health and safety at work, working conditions, the integration of persons excluded from the labour market and the combating of social exclusion.

Amendment

(3) Article 151 of the Treaty ***on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU)*** sets out as ***the*** objectives in the field of social policy the promotion of employment and improved living and working conditions. With a view to achieving these objectives, the Union can support and complement the activities of Member States in the fields of health and safety at work, working conditions, the integration of persons excluded from the labour market, and combating social exclusion, ***while excluding any harmonisation of national laws and regulations. In accordance with Article 153(2) TFEU, however, the Union may adopt measures to encourage cooperation between Member States.***

Or. en

Amendment C

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 2 Pirinski, (AM 86 Reintke), AM 87 Kuneva, González Peñas, AM 88 Ribeiro, AM 89 Lenaers

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4

Text proposed by the Commission

(4) The European Parliament in its resolution on "Effective labour inspections as a strategy to improve working conditions in Europe" welcomed the Commission's initiative to create a European Platform and called for enhanced cooperation at EU level to fight undeclared work.¹

²⁷ European Parliament resolution of 14 January 2014 on effective labour inspections as a strategy to improve working conditions in Europe (2013/2112/INI)
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?lang=en&reference=2013/2112\(INI\)](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?lang=en&reference=2013/2112(INI))

Amendment

(4) The European Parliament in its resolution on 'Effective labour inspections as a strategy to improve working conditions in Europe' welcomed the Commission's initiative to create a European Platform and called for enhanced cooperation at *Union* level to *tackle undeclared work which is damaging the European economy, leading to unfair competition and market distortions, endangering the financial sustainability of the European social models and resulting in an increasing lack of social and employment protection for workers. To this end the European Platform should enhance the exchange of experiences and good practices, provide up-to-date, objective, reliable and comparative information, enhance cross-border cooperation and identify and keep a record of letter-box companies and similar operations.*

²⁷ European Parliament resolution of 14 January 2014 on effective labour inspections as a strategy to improve working conditions in Europe (2013/2112/INI)
[http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?lang=en&reference=2013/2112\(INI\)](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/oeil/popups/ficheprocedure.do?lang=en&reference=2013/2112(INI))

Or. en

Amendment D

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 91 Lavrilleux, AM 143 Beghin, Agea, AM 142 Mann (partly), AM 165 Mann (partly)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 4 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(4a) The establishment of the European Platform should be without prejudice to Member States' competences and/or obligations to tackle undeclared work as well as to the ILO Labour Inspection Convention No 81. Member States and their enforcement bodies play a crucial role in effectively preventing, tracking and sanctioning undeclared work. The work of the Platform should therefore not prevent rigid checks or other activities by Member States to fight against the black economy but rather support measures to encourage and promote declared work and curb social security fraud.

Or. en

Amendment E

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 98 Kuneva, González Peñas

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5) At European level undeclared work is defined as "any paid activities that are lawful as regards their nature but not declared to public authorities, taking into account differences in the regulatory systems of the Member States²⁸, thus excluding all illegal activities.

(5) At European level undeclared work is **currently** defined as 'any paid activities that are lawful as regards their nature but not declared to public authorities, taking into account differences in the regulatory systems of the Member States²⁸, thus excluding all illegal activities; **this definition dating from 1998 should be updated in order to reflect recent labour market developments.**

²⁸ Communication from the Commission
"Stepping up the fight against undeclared
work" COM (2007)628 of 24 October 2007

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52007DC0628:EN:HTML>

²⁸ Communication from the Commission
"Stepping up the fight against undeclared
work" COM (2007)628 of 24 October 2007

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=CELEX:52007DC0628:EN:HTML>

Or. en

Amendment F

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 97 Mann, AM 99 Schulze, AM 101 Dlabajová, Tørnæs, Harkin, AM 140 Beghin

Proposal for a regulation Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Definitions of undeclared work vary between Member States, as do national regulations. Furthermore undeclared work can take various forms depending on the economic, administrative, financial and social context, which makes it difficult to quantify the problem at European level. Undeclared work also has very different patterns depending on the nature and type of work and the worker concerned. Undeclared work performed by domestic workers, mainly women, poses a particular challenge in this context as it is sole work and, by its nature, invisible. Consequently, measures to tackle undeclared work should be tailored in accordance to these differences.

Or. en

Amendment Fa

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 100 Reintke (partly), AM 116 Sander

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 5 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(5a) Enhanced cooperation in tackling undeclared work should contribute to a level playing field and benefit those economic actors who do not resort to undeclared work. The scope of the European Platform should extend to all existing forms of undeclared work without distinction with the aim to extricate Europe from the black economy, create quality and sustainable employment, boost economic recovery and achieve the Unions employment and social objectives.

Or. en

Amendment G

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 114 Blinkevičiūtė (6 a) and AM 4 Pirinski (6 a), AM 134 Beghin, Agea

Proposal for a regulation

Recital -6 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(-6a) The undeclared economy is considerable in size, being equivalent to over 18 % of the Union's GDP. However, it varies significantly across Member States, ranging from below 8% to over 30% of GDP. According to Eurofound, there is also a clear north-south and east-west divide within the EU^{1 a}

^{1 a} Eurofound report on Combating Undeclared Work in 27 European Union Member States and Norway (2013).

Or. en

Amendment H

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 106 Balas, AM 107 Reintke, AM 108 Pirinski, Regner, AM 111 Mann, AM 112 Jazłowiecka, AM 115 Jazłowiecka (6 a)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6

Text proposed by the Commission

(6) The abuse of the status of self-employed, either at national level or in cross-border situations, is frequently associated with undeclared work. Bogus self-employment occurs when a person is declared as self-employed while fulfilling the conditions characteristic of an employment relationship, in order to avoid certain legal or fiscal obligations. Bogus self-employment is, therefore, falsely declared work and should come under the scope of the Platform.

Amendment

(6) In addition to undeclared work, the Platform should deal with falsely declared work, which refers to paid activities that are lawful as regards their nature, but are not declared correctly to public authorities. A specific form of undeclared work is the abuse of the status of self-employed, either at national level or in cross-border situations. Bogus self-employment occurs when a person is declared as self-employed while fulfilling the conditions characteristic of an employment relationship in order to avoid certain legal or fiscal obligations. Bogus self-employment is, therefore, falsely declared work. It should be noted, however, that definitions and legislation regarding self-employment vary between Member States. Bogus self-employment and undeclared work are key activities of the black economy. The increasing phenomena of bogus self-employment and undeclared work should therefore be addressed by the Platform and main fraud risks identified.

Or. en

Amendment I

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 5 Pirinski, AM 122 Kuneva, González Peñas, Sylikiotis, Zuber

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6b (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6b) Domestic and cross-border

undeclared work are two distinctive forms of undeclared work. Undeclared work can contribute to the phenomenon known as social dumping, including salary reductions in the Member States where the services are offered.

Or. en

Amendment J

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 6 Pirinski (The original Commission proposal regarding Recital 7 has been split up into two recitals, respectively 6c and 7) AM 118 Gentile; AM 124 Reintke (partly)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 6c (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(6c) Undeclared work has serious implications for the workers concerned, who find themselves having to accept precarious and sometimes hazardous working conditions, much lower wages, severe infringements of labour rights and greatly reduced protection under labour and social protection legislation, thus depriving those workers of adequate social benefits, pension rights and access to healthcare, as well as skills development and life-long learning opportunities. The situation is even more serious in the case of minors.

Or. en

Amendment K

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 7 Pirinski, AM 123 Pirinski, AM 124 Reintke (partly), AM 125 Bach, AM 126 Mann, AM 127 Lavrilleux, AM 128 Sander

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(7) Undeclared work has serious budgetary

(7) *At the same time, undeclared* work has

implications through decreased tax and social security revenues. It has negative impacts on employment, productivity, compliance with working conditions' standards, skills development and life-long learning. It undermines the financial sustainability of social protection systems, deprives workers of adequate social benefits and results in lower pension rights and less access to healthcare.

serious budgetary implications through decreased tax and social security revenues, ***thus undermining*** the financial sustainability of social protection systems. ***Furthermore, it negatively impacts on both employment and productivity, leading to unfair competition which distorts the market and has damaging effects on the economy in general. The European Platform should pay particular attention to the fact that SMEs, who make up the large majority of European companies, are particularly affected by this problem. In addition, illegal drawing of benefits and social dumping may be among the direct consequences of undeclared work.***

Or. en

Amendment L

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 8 Pirinski, AM 153 Kuneva, González Peñas, Zuber, AM 148 McIntyre, AM 155 Harkin, Calvet Chambon, AM 151 Steinruck (partly), AM 121Griffin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8

Text proposed by the Commission

(8) A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle undeclared work have been introduced across the Member States. Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on certain aspects of undeclared work. The Platform will not prevent the application of bilateral agreements or arrangements concerning administrative cooperation.

Amendment

(8)A wide range of policy approaches and measures to tackle ***the problem of undeclared work*** have been introduced across the Member States, ***yet a holistic approach is often still missing. Deterrence, which seeks to bring about compliance by detecting and sanctioning non-compliance, remains the dominant approach across the majority of Member States. Many Member States have already put in place effective measures to tackle undeclared work particularly in relation to labour market, tax and employment law abuses by ensuring that the employers of undeclared workers face tougher enforcement action and stronger***

penalties. The principle that the burden of repayment for any unpaid social security and taxes rests with the employer, as well as the threat of additional inspections and fines, which clearly outweigh any profits, are important disincentives for employers to operate in the informal economy.

Or. en

Amendment M

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 9 Pirinski, AM 151 Steinruck (partly)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) Over the past several years there has also been a perceptible uptake of an enabling approach that encourages and promotes declared work. An interactive knowledge bank, such as the one developed by Eurofound, could help Member States to identify new approaches in that respect.

Or. en

Amendment N

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 10 Pirinski, AM 141 Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 8 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(8a) Member States have also concluded bilateral agreements and carried out multilateral projects on certain aspects of undeclared work. The Platform should accompany those actions and help to improve the application of bilateral and multilateral agreements or arrangements concerning administrative cooperation.

Amendment O

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 11 Pirinski, AM 157 Reintke, AM 158 Tomc, AM 156 Jazlowiecka

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 9***Text proposed by the Commission*

(9) EU level cooperation remains far from comprehensive, both in terms of the Member States involved and the issues covered. There is a no formal mechanism in place for cross-border cooperation between Member States' relevant authorities to address issues related to undeclared work.

Amendment

Currently close and effective cooperation at the EU level remains far from comprehensive, both in terms of the Member States involved and the issues covered. There is no formal mechanism in place for cross-border cooperation between Member States' relevant authorities to address issues related to undeclared work. ***The work of the Platform should draw on the work done by other bodies and make use of the Internal Market Information System (IMI) where possible. Furthermore, it should take account of the differences regarding national legislation related to undeclared work and encourage, where necessary, the provision of adequate resources for labour inspections to improve cross-border enforcement.***

Amendment P

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 12 Pirinski, AM 161 Arena, AM 162 Lavrilleux, AM 163 Reintke (partly), AM 164 Tomc, AM 166 Jazlowiecka, AM 168 Jongerius, Pirinski, AM 170 Tørnæs, Charanzová, Harkin, Dlabajová, Weber, AM 171 (partly) Kuneva, González Peñas, López Bermejo, Zuber, AM 167 Sander

Proposal for a regulation**Recital 10***Text proposed by the Commission*

(10) The strengthening of cooperation

Amendment

(10) The strengthening of ***active***

among Member States at EU level is necessary to help Member States to prevent and deter undeclared work more efficiently and effectively.

cooperation *based on mutual assistance, transparency, confidentiality, where required*, among Member States at EU level is necessary to help Member States *tackle* undeclared work more efficiently and effectively, *while respecting the freedom to provide services, the free movement of workers and the principle of non-discrimination as well as workers' rights and the social aquis. The goal of the strengthened cooperation must be to encourage declared work and making undeclared work the less attractive option.*

Or. en

Amendment Q

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 13 Pirinski, AM 176 Ulvskog, AM 178 Tomc, AM 181 McIntyre, AM 199 Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) National labour inspectorates and other relevant bodies, in particular enforcement authorities, often need immediate access to data and information held by foreign national authorities. An efficient and rapid exchange of data is therefore essential to curb undeclared work, while recognising the importance of data protection.

Or. en

Amendment R

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 14 Pirinski, AM 179, AM 180 Tomc, AM Kuneva, López Bermejo, González Peñas, Sylikiotis

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 10a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(10a) National labour inspection systems should be organised in an efficient manner and have sufficient qualified staff at their disposal in order to function effectively and carry out systematic and frequent controls.

Or. en

Amendment S

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 15 Pirinski, AM 182 Tomc, AM 184 Kuneva, González Peñas, AM 185 Harkin, AM 186 Tørnæs, Charanzová, Harkin, Dlabajová, Calvet Chambon, Weber, AM 187 Weber, Harkin, Calvet Chambon, Dlabajová, AM 167 Sander, AM 169 Martin

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11) The Platform will aim to facilitate the exchange of best practices and information, provide a framework at EU level to develop expertise and analysis, and improve operational coordination of actions between the different national enforcement authorities of the Member States.

(11) The Platform should contribute to eliminating abuse of the principle of the free movement through undeclared work, to which end it should aim to facilitate and improve the exchange of experience and best practices and information, as well as to developing at EU level common understanding, expertise and analysis, including on new and emerging employment relationships. It should also enhance knowledge, thus creating a knowledge bank, study ways to improve data exchange, suggest joint training sessions and exchanges between labour inspectorates, foster effective control mechanisms and contribute to the improvement of operational coordination between the different national enforcement bodies of the Member States. Additionally, the Platform will facilitate the sharing of best practices and information.

Amendment T

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 183 Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) Based on the information gathered in its work the Platform should suggest standards and provide advice for development of legislation relating to undeclared work where necessary and develop its capacities as advisor on required policy actions and instruments.

Or. en

Amendment U

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 16 Pirinski, AM 189 Ulvskog, AM 190 Tomc, AM 191 Kuneva, López Bermejo, González Peñas, Sylikiotis,

Proposal for a regulation Recital 11 a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(11a) The identification, analysis and solving of practical problems related to the enforcement of Union legislation on working conditions and social protection at work fall mainly within the competence of Member States and their national labour inspection systems, for which reason close and effective cooperation at Union level is required.

Or. en

Amendment V

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 192 Reintke, AM 193 Beghin, Agea, AM 195 Dlabajová, Tørnæs, Harkin

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12

Text proposed by the Commission

(12) The Platform should make use of all relevant sources of information, in particular studies, bilateral agreements concluded between Member States and multilateral cooperation projects and create synergies between existing EU level instruments and structures to maximise the deterrent or preventive effect of these measures. The operational coordination of actions of the Member States could take the form of joint trainings, peer reviews and solutions for data sharing. European campaigns or common strategies could increase the awareness of undeclared work.

Amendment

(12) The Platform should make use of all relevant sources of information, in particular studies, bilateral agreements concluded between Member States and multilateral cooperation projects and create synergies between existing EU level instruments and structures to maximise the deterrent or preventive effect of these measures. The operational coordination of actions of the Member States could take the form of joint trainings, peer reviews and solutions for data sharing. European campaigns or common strategies could increase the awareness of undeclared work, ***building on policies and strategies to raise awareness of undeclared work which already exist to varying degrees in the Member States. The Platform should involve also non-governmental actors as important sources of information. It should contribute to the strengthening of the cooperation between Member States including by suggesting innovative approaches of cross-border cooperation and enforcement as well as by evaluating experiences of such cooperation to draw conclusions for future policy action.***

Or. en

Amendment W

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 17 Pirinski, AM 197 Pirinski, AM 201 Tomc, AM 198 McIntyre, AM 202 McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation
Recital 12a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(12a) The Platform should be more than a passive mapping and assessment body. It should also actively contribute to prevent

undeclared work by developing practical guidelines against organised forms and networks of undeclared work and by keeping concerned authorities and actors informed. To this end the Platform should discuss approaches and suggest measures and instruments, which could contribute to better prevent, control and penalize organised forms and networks of undeclared work and facilitate compliance with related legislation.

Or. en

Amendment X

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 18 Pirinski, AM 203 Ulvskog, AM 204 Pirinski, AM 205 Reintke, AM 206 Tomc

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 13

Text proposed by the Commission

(13) Three different national enforcement authorities are mainly involved with undeclared work: labour inspectorates, social security inspectorates and tax authorities. In some cases, migration authorities and employment services as well as customs authorities, the police, the public prosecutor's office and the social partners are also involved.

Amendment

(13) *Often several* different national enforcement *bodies and actors* are involved with *tackling* undeclared work, *including* labour inspectorates, social security inspectorates and *social security institutions, health and safety inspectorates and* tax authorities. In some cases migration authorities and employment services as well as customs authorities, the police, the public prosecutor's office and the social partners are also involved.

Or. en

Amendment Y

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 19 Pirinski, AM 200 Beghin, Agea, AM 210 Reintke, AM 211 Arena, AM 213 Le Hyaric, AM 214 Tomc, AM 215 McIntyre

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 14

Text proposed by the Commission

(14) In order to address undeclared work comprehensively and successfully, a policy mix is to be implemented in the Member States, that is facilitated by structured cooperation between relevant authorities. The cooperation should include all national authorities which are leading and/or active in the prevention and/or deterrence of undeclared work.

Amendment

In order to address undeclared work comprehensively and successfully, ***an individually tailored*** policy mix ***should*** be implemented in the Member States, ***based on*** structured cooperation between ***all*** relevant ***bodies***. The cooperation should include all national authorities, ***representatives of the social partners, and may, where appropriate, include also other actors*** which are leading and/or active in ***tackling*** undeclared work ***and protecting undeclared workers. The support of the cooperation between relevant non-public actors is also essential in this context.***

Or. en

Amendment Z

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 20 Pirinski, AM 221 Ulvskog, AM 222 Reintke, AM 223 Schulze, AM 224 Lenaers, AM 225 Tomc, AM 226 McInyre (partly), AM 248 Bach (partly)

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15

Text proposed by the Commission

(15) To achieve its objectives, the Platform should be supported by a 'Single point of contact' in each Member State who should have the necessary authority to liaise with national authorities dealing with the multifaceted aspects of undeclared work.

Amendment

(15) To achieve its objectives, the Platform should be supported by a ***senior representative from*** each Member State who should have the necessary authority to liaise with national authorities, ***regional and Union bodies, and other actors, in particular the social partners,*** dealing with the multifaceted aspects of undeclared work. ***The work of the Platform should stay at the expert level.***

Or. en

Amendment AA

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 228 Tomc

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 15a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(15a) The senior representatives should liaise with all enforcement bodies which are involved in the tackling of undeclared work regarding the activities of the Platform thereby involving all stakeholders and facilitating their contribution to the activities of the Platform or its working groups if issues discussed involve their field of competence.

Or. en

Amendment AB

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 232 Lenaers, AM 233 Bach

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(16) The Platform should involve the social partners at EU level, both cross-industry and in those sectors more severely affected by undeclared work, and cooperate with relevant international organisations, such as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and Union decentralised agencies, in particular Eurofound and European Agency for Safety and Health at Work. The involvement of Eurofound and European Agency for Safety and Health at Work in the work of the Platform as observers will not extend their existing mandates.

(16) The Platform should involve the social partners at EU level, both cross-industry and in those sectors ***that are either*** severely affected by ***undeclared work or have a particular role in the tackling of*** undeclared work, and cooperate with relevant international organisations, such as the International Labour Organisation (ILO), ***and the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD)***, and Union decentralised agencies.

Or. en

Amendment ABa

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 236 Arena, AM 21 Pirinski, AM 235 Pirinski

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 16a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

16a. Eurofound should play a central role in the creation of an interactive knowledge bank aimed at enhancing cooperation in tackling undeclared work, and in assessing the impact of undeclared work on the health and safety of workers.

Or. en

Amendment AC

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 23 Pirinski, AM 241 Reintke

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20) The Platform will cooperate with the EU level relevant expert groups and committees whose work has links with undeclared work.

(20) The Platform ***should*** cooperate with relevant expert groups, ***committees and stakeholders*** whose ***activities have*** links with ***tackling*** undeclared work.

Or. en

Amendment AD

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: AM 244 Benifei

Proposal for a regulation

Recital 20a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(20a) The work of the Platform should provide input to the Commission's Joint Employment Report, regarding the

tackling of undeclared work.

Or. en

Amendment AE

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Rapporteur 24, Tomc 249, Kuneva et al 250, Reintke 251, Arena 252, Mann 288 (partly), Tomc 289 (partly), Mann 319, Mann 332, Mann 364,

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 1

Text proposed by the Commission

(1) A Platform to enhance EU cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work, hereinafter referred to as "the Platform", is hereby established.

Amendment

(1) A **European** Platform to enhance cooperation **at Union level** in **tackling** undeclared work, ("the Platform"), is hereby established.

Or. en

Amendment AF

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Rapporteur 25, Rapporteur 26 (WD), Bach 255, Reintke 256, Arena 257, McIntyre 258 (partly), Tomc 259, Ribeiro 260, McIntyre 261, Le Hyaric 265

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 2

Text proposed by the Commission

(2) The Platform shall be composed of:

(a) national enforcement authorities as nominated by all the Member States,

(b) the Commission.

Amendment

(2) The Platform shall be composed of:

(a) **one senior representative** nominated by **each** Member State, **representing national enforcement bodies and/or other actors involved in the tackling of undeclared work, with a mandate to participate in all activities related to the Platform on behalf of the Member State,**

(b) the Commission,

Or. en

Amendment AG

Compromise amendment to be voted together with AGa, replaces Amendments Rapporteur 27, 28, 29, Le Hyaric 265

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 2 – point b (a) new

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ba new) a maximum of four representatives of cross-industry social partners organised at Union level nominated by the social partners themselves, equally representing both sides of industry.

Or. en

Amendment AGa

Compromise amendment part of COMP AG

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) representatives of the cross-industry social partners *at Union level, as well as* social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work,

(a) a maximum of 14 representatives of social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work *nominated by the social partners themselves, equally representing both sides of industry,*

Or. en

Amendment AH

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Reintke 266, Lenaers 267

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 3 – introductory part

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(3) The following may attend the meetings of the Platform as observers under the

(3) The following *stakeholders should be actively involved* in the meetings of the

conditions set in its rules of procedure:

Platform as observers *and their contributions shall be taken into due consideration* under the conditions set in its rules of procedure:

Or. en

Amendment AI

Minority Compromise to be voted together with AIa, AIb, replaces Amendments 28, 268, 269, 270, 271, 63, 441

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 3 – point a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a new) a maximum of four representatives of cross-industry social partners organised at Union level nominated by the social partners themselves, equally representing both sides of industry.

Or. en

Amendment AIa

Minority Compromise part of COMP AI:

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 3 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(a) representatives of *the cross-industry* social partners at Union level, as well as social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work,

(a) a maximum of 14 representatives of social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work *nominated by the social partners themselves, equally representing both sides of industry,*

Or. en

Amendment AIb

Minority Compromise part of COMP AI:

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the rules of procedure, containing, inter alia, the decision-making arrangements of the Platform,

Amendment

(a) the rules of procedure, containing, inter alia, the decision-making arrangements of the Platform ***as well as provisions for enhanced observer participation of social partners in the functioning of the platform,***

Or. en

Amendment AJ

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 30, 279, 31, 273, 32, 274, 33, 275, 280, 282

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1 – paragraph 3 – points b (new),c,d

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) a representative of the International Labour Organisation (ILO),

(d) representatives of EEA states.

Amendment

(ba) a representative of the Committee of Senior Labour Inspectors (SLIC),

(bb) a representative of the Administrative Commission for the Coordination of Social Security Systems established by Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council,

(bc) a representative of the Public Employment Services Network (PES)

(bc) a representative of the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), and a representative of the Committee of the Regions (CoR),

(bd) a representative of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

(c) a representative of the International Labour Organisation (ILO),

(d) ***a*** representative of ***each non-EU*** EEA state.

Or. en

Amendment AK

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: 285

Proposal for a regulation

Article 1a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Definitions

1a. For the purpose of this Decision ‘tackling of undeclared work’ means the prevention, deterrence and combating of undeclared work as well as the encouraging and promoting of declared work.

Or. en

Amendment AL

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Rapporteur 34, Rapporteur 35, Rapporteur 36, Rapporteur 37, Mann 288 (partly), Arena 290, Morin-Chartier 291, Reintke 292, Tomc 293, McIntyre 294, Kuneva et al 295, Reintke 297, Arena 298, Tomc 299, Reintke 312, Le Hyaric 314, Tomc 315

Proposal for a regulation

Article 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Objectives

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The Platform, as set out in Article 1 (1), shall contribute to better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs, hence avoiding the deterioration of quality of work, and to

The overriding objective of the Platform shall be to provide value-added input at Union level to Member States' and Union institutions' efforts to successfully tackle the complex problem of undeclared work and its manifold implications and consequences including the encouraging and promoting of declared work.

The Platform, as set out in Article 1 (1), shall ***to that end*** contribute to ***an improvement*** and better enforcement of EU and national law, to the reduction of undeclared work and the emergence of formal jobs. ***It shall thus help to achieve***

promote integration in the labour market and social inclusion by:

(a) improving cooperation between Member States' different enforcement authorities at EU level to prevent and deter undeclared work, including bogus self-employment, more efficiently and effectively,

(b) improving Member States' different enforcement authorities' technical capacity to tackle cross-border aspects of undeclared work,

(c) increasing public awareness on the urgency of action and encouraging Member States to step up their efforts in dealing with undeclared work.

the Union's employment targets, providing a more effective European framework for employment and workplace health and safety. Avoiding thereby the deterioration of quality of work, it shall promote integration in the labour market and social inclusion by:

(a) improving *effective and close* cooperation between Member States' *relevant enforcement bodies and other actors involved* at *Union* level to prevent, deter *and combat* undeclared work *in all its forms*, including bogus self-employment, more efficiently and effectively,

(b) *assisting Member States' different enforcement bodies' to effectively tackle and resolve* cross-border aspects of undeclared work *and the related unfair competition and market distortions*,

(c) increasing public awareness *of the issues related to undeclared work and the need for appropriate* action *as well as* encouraging Member States to *urgently* step up their efforts in *tackling* undeclared work,

Or. en

Amendment AM

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments Rapporteur 38, Kuneva et al 320 , McIntyre 322, Tornaes et al 323, Lavrilleux 325 (partly), Benifei 327 (partly) – to be voted together with AMa

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point c

Text proposed by the Commission

(c) Coordinate cross-border operational actions.

Amendment

(c) *Encourage and facilitate practical, effective and efficient* cross-border operational actions.

Or. en

Amendment AMa

Compromise amendment part of COMP AM

Proposal for a regulation

Article 3 – paragraph 1 – point c a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(ca) Contribute to a horizontal understanding of matters related to undeclared work

Or. en

Amendment AN

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments 332 (Mann)Lavrilleux 325, Benifei 327(partly), Rapporteur 39, Arena 324, Reintke 326, McIntyre 328, 337, 339, 340, 344, 346, 352, 353, 354, 357, 358,370, 376, 379, 380, 381 (partly), 385, 389, 395

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

Tasks

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Tasks

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(a) Improve the knowledge of ***all forms of undeclared work, also with regard to causes and regional differences***, by means of common concepts, ***including comprehensive definitions of existing and new forms of undeclared work, indicators and methodologies for data collection***, measurement tools and promotion of joint comparative analysis and ***research***,

(aa) Improve the knowledge and mutual understanding of different national labour inspection systems and practices to tackle undeclared work, the consequences of undeclared work, including cross-border undeclared work, with regard to unfair competition and market distortions,

(b) **Develop the analysis of** effectiveness of different policy measures in curbing the incidence of undeclared work, including preventive and punitive as well as **deterrence** measures **in general**,

(c) Establish tools, for instance a knowledge bank of different practices/measures, including bilateral agreements used in the Member States to **deter and prevent** undeclared work,

(d) **Adopt non-binding** guidelines for **inspectors**, handbooks of good practice and common principles of inspections to tackle undeclared work,

(e) Develop **forms of** cooperation **increasing the technical capacity to tackle** cross-border aspects of undeclared work by **adopting a common framework for** joint operations **for inspections and** exchange of staff,

(f) **Examine ways to** improve data sharing in compliance with the Union data protection rules, including exploring possibilities to use of the Internal Market Information System (IMI) and the Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information (EESSI).

as well as the precarious working conditions endured by persons in undeclared work,

(b) **Analyse the** effectiveness **and consequences** of different policy measures, **such as prevention and deterrence** as well as **enabling** measures **encouraging and promoting declared work**, in curbing the incidence of undeclared work,

(c) Establish **efficient** tools, for instance **an interactive** knowledge bank of different practices/measures **based on the application in different labour market models**, including bilateral **and multilateral** agreements used in the Member States, to **tackle** undeclared work,

(d) **Develop** guidelines for **enforcement**, handbooks of good practice and common principles of inspections to tackle undeclared work **and monitor progress made on the implementation of guidelines**,

(e) Develop **close** cooperation **in order to improve the capability of national labour inspection systems regarding controls and tackling** cross-border aspects of undeclared work by **means of actions such as** joint operations, **relevant databases and staff exchanges**,

(ea) draw up and publish information to facilitate the activities of national labour inspection systems,

(f) **Develop a reliable and efficient system of rapid information exchange and** improve data sharing in compliance with the Union data protection rules, including exploring possibilities to make use of the Internal Market Information System (IMI) **established by Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council^{1a}** and the Electronic Exchange of Social Security Information (EESSI),

(fa) contribute to the identification of areas related to undeclared work where

(g) Develop permanent training capacity for enforcement authorities and adopt a common framework for carrying out joint trainings,

(h) Organise peer reviews to follow Member States progress when fighting undeclared work, including support for the implementation of country-specific recommendations related to fight or prevent undeclared work issued by the Council.

(i) Increase awareness of the problem by carrying out common activities such as European Campaigns and adopting regional or EU wide strategies, including sectoral approaches.

Union legislation is not achieving its intended objectives.

(g) Develop ***and improve the*** permanent training capacity for enforcement authorities and adopt a common framework for carrying out joint trainings.

(ha) Put forward suggestions to the Commission, the European Parliament and the Council for inclusion in the country-specific recommendations of appropriate action addressing the particular aspects of tackling undeclared work as well as the effects of non-action in the Member States concerned.

(h) Organise peer reviews to follow Member States progress when fighting undeclared work, including support for the implementation of country-specific recommendations related to fight or prevent undeclared work issued by the Council ***and promote appropriate action,***

(hb) give opinions and suggestions to the Commission, the European Parliament or the Council on issues relating to better regulation and the enforcement of Union legislation on working conditions and social protection in Member States related to the tackling of undeclared work as well as relating to the effects of non-action,

(hc) encourage active cooperation between the enforcement authorities of Member States and non-EU countries, where relevant, in order to resolve problems related to undeclared work involving these countries,

(i) Increase awareness of the problem by carrying out common activities such as European Campaigns and adopting regional or EU wide strategies, including sectoral approaches.

(ia) encourage national authorities and other bodies to provide counselling and information for workers victimised by practices of undeclared work,

(2) In carrying out its tasks, the Platform will make use of all relevant sources of information, including studies and multilateral cooperation projects and take into account relevant Union instruments and structures, as well the experience of relevant bilateral agreements. ***It will establish appropriate cooperation with Eurofound and EU-OSHA.***

(2) In carrying out its tasks, the Platform shall make use of all relevant sources of information, including studies and multilateral cooperation projects and take into account relevant Union instruments and structures, as well the experience of relevant bilateral agreements.

(2a) The Platform shall establish appropriate cooperation with Eurofound as well as with EU-OSHA.

^{1a} ***Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System and repealing Commission Decision 2008/49/EC (‘the IMI Regulation’) (OJ L 316, 14.11.2012, p.1)***

Or. en

Amendment AO

Minority compromise amendment replacing Amendments Article 4 – paragraph 1 point fa (new) from COMP AN:

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point fa (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(fa) contribute to the identification of areas related to undeclared work where Union legislation is not achieving its intended objectives, with a particular focus on provisions regarding the posting of workers as well as phenomena such as bogus self-employment and letter box companies.

Or. en

Amendment AP

Minority compromise amendment replacing Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point g from COMP AN

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 1 – point g

Text proposed by the Commission

(g) Develop permanent training capacity for enforcement authorities and adopt a common framework for carrying out joint trainings,

Amendment

(g) Develop ***and improve the*** permanent training capacity for enforcement authorities and adopt a common framework for carrying out joint trainings, ***in order to help Member States to fulfil their obligations, amongst others those under ILO Labour Inspection Convention No 81.***

Or. en

Amendment AQ

Minority compromise amendment replacing Article 4 – paragraph 2a (new) from COMP AN

Proposal for a regulation

Article 4 – paragraph 2a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2 a) The Platform shall establish appropriate cooperation with Eurofound, particularly with regard to the development of an interactive knowledge bank, as an additional task of the agency, as well as with EU-OSHA.

Or. en

Amendment AR

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Rapporteur 56, Rapporteur 57, Rapporteur 58, Rapporteur 59, Beghin 398, Reintke 401, Arena 402, Lenaers 405, Reintke 409, Pirinski 411,

Proposal for a regulation

Article 5

Text proposed by the Commission

Single point of contact

(1) Each Member State shall appoint ***one single point of contact*** as a member of the Platform. They may also appoint ***one alternate member***.

(2) In appointing ***their*** representatives, Member States should involve all ***public authorities*** having a role in the ***prevention and/or deterrence*** of undeclared work, such as labour inspectorates, social security authorities, tax authorities, employment services and migration authorities, hereinafter referred to as "enforcement authorities". They ***may*** also, in accordance with national law and/or practice, involve the social partners.

(3) Member States shall provide the Commission with the list and contact details of all enforcement ***authorities*** which are involved in ***the prevention and/or deterrence*** of undeclared work.

(4) ***Single points of contact*** shall liaise with all enforcement ***authorities which are involved in the prevention and/or deterrence of undeclared work regarding the activities of the Platform and guarantee their participation at the meetings and/or contribution to the activities of the Platform or its working groups if issues discussed involve their field of competence.***

Amendment

Senior representatives

(1) Each Member State shall appoint ***a senior representative referred to in Article 1(2)(a)*** as member of the Platform. ***It*** may also ***appoint a substitute to attend the meetings of the Platform where necessary.***

(2) In appointing ***a senior representative and a substitute***, Member States should involve all ***relevant bodies*** having a role in the ***tackling*** of undeclared work ***in a domestic or cross-border context***, such as labour inspectorates, social security authorities, tax authorities, employment services and migration authorities, hereinafter referred to as "enforcement authorities". They ***should*** also, in accordance with national law and/or practice, involve the social partners ***and other relevant actors.***

(3) Member States shall provide the Commission with the list and contact details of all enforcement ***bodies and, in accordance with national law or practice, the social partners and other relevant actors*** which are involved in ***tackling*** undeclared work.

(4) ***The senior representatives referred to in Article 1(2)(a)*** shall liaise ***regularly*** with all ***national enforcement bodies and in accordance with national law or practice, the social partners and other relevant actors with a role in tackling*** undeclared work, ***thereby involving all stakeholders.***

Or. en

Amendment AS

Compromise amendment to be voted together with Asa; replaces amendments 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, FEMM 23, 421, 423, 425, 424, 426, FEMM 24, 428, 427, 429, 430, FEMM 25, 432, 63, 441

Proposal for a regulation

Article 6

Text proposed by the Commission

Representatives of the social partners

(1) Representatives of the social partners at cross-industry level, as well as from sectors with high incidence of undeclared work may attend meetings of the Platform as observers, according to the procedures determined by their organisations.

(2) On the basis of the proposals from cross-industry and sectoral social partners at Union level, this group of observers shall be composed of:

(a) A maximum of **8** observers representing social partners at cross-industry level (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations),

(b) A maximum of **10** observers representing social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations).

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(2) On the basis of the proposals from cross-industry and sectoral social partners at Union level, this group of observers shall be composed of:

(a) A maximum of **4** observers representing social partners at cross-industry level (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations),

(b) A maximum of **14** observers representing social partners in sectors with a high incidence of undeclared work (divided evenly between employers' and workers' organisations).

Or. en

Amendment ASa

Compromise amendment part of COMP AS

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 2 – point a

Text proposed by the Commission

(a) the rules of procedure, containing, inter alia, the decision-making arrangements of the Platform,

Amendment

(a) the rules of procedure, containing, inter alia, the decision-making arrangements of the Platform ***as well as provisions for enhanced observer participation of social***

partners in the functioning of the platform,

Or. en

Amendment AT

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Rapporteur 60 (WD), Rapporteur 61, Rapporteur 63, Rapporteur 64, Rapporteur 65, Rapporteur 66, Rapporteur 67, Rapporteur 68, Rapporteur 69, Rapporteur 70, Reintke 286 (covered), Reintke 433 (covered), Mann 434, Tornaes et al 436 (covered), Lenaers 437 (covered), Tornaes et al 438, Griffin et al 442, Beghin et al 443, Lenaers 444, Tomc 445, Reintke 446, Beghin 447, Lenaers 449, Reintke 450, Morin-Chartier 451, Lavrilleux 452, Weber et al 453, Sander 454

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7

Text proposed by the Commission

Operation

(1) The Commission shall coordinate the work of the Platform *and chair its meetings.*

(2) For the execution of its mission, the Platform shall adopt by majority decision:

(a) the rules of procedure, containing, inter alia, the decision-making arrangements of the Platform,

(b) *a two-year* work programme of the Platform setting out, inter alia, *its* detailed tasks *and regular reports* of the Platform in *every two years*,

(c) the establishment of working groups to

Amendment

Operation

(1) The Commission shall coordinate the work of the Platform and *the Commission representative to the Platform shall co-chair* its meetings. *The members of the platform shall elect from among their number another co-chair of equal standing as well as two substitutes. The co-chairs and the substitutes form the bureau of the Platform ("the Bureau").*

(1a) The platform is to meet at least twice a year.

(2) For the execution of its mission, the Platform shall adopt by majority decision:

(a) the rules of procedure, containing, inter alia, the decision-making arrangements of the Platform,

(b) *an annual as well as a multiannual* work programme of the Platform setting out, inter alia, *the* detailed tasks of the Platform *and taking into account the activities undertaken in the previous year(s)*,

(c) the establishment of working groups to

examine issues specified in work programmes of the Platform. Such working groups shall be dissolved as soon as their mandates are fulfilled.

(3) Experts with specific competence in a subject under discussion may be invited on a case-by-case basis to participate in the Platform's or working group's deliberations if this is useful and/or necessary.

(4) The Platform shall be assisted by a Secretariat provided by the Commission. The Secretariat shall prepare the meetings, the work programmes of the Platform and its reports.

(5) *The Commission shall inform regularly the European Parliament and the Council about the activities of the Platform.*

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(ca) an annual report on its activities

(3) Experts with specific competence in a subject under discussion may be invited ***by the Bureau*** on a case-by-case basis to participate in the Platform's or working group's deliberations if this is ***considered*** useful and/or necessary.

(4) The Platform shall be assisted by a Secretariat provided by the Commission. The Secretariat shall prepare the meetings, the ***draft*** work programmes of the Platform and its ***draft*** reports ***in close cooperation with and under the supervision of the Bureau. It shall also follow up on recommendations of the Platform.***

(5) ***The Platform shall transmit to the Commission the work programmes referred to in paragraph 2(b) and the report referred to in paragraph 2(ca).*** The Commission shall ***forward the work programmes and reports to*** the European Parliament, the Council, ***the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions.***

Or. en

Amendment AU

Compromise amendment replacing Amendment 450 Reintke:

Proposal for a regulation

Article 7 – paragraph 4a (new)

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

4a. The work of the platform shall be conducted in accordance with the principle of transparency as laid down in Article 15 TFEU.

Amendment AV

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Morin-Chartier 455, Balas 456, Tornaes et al 460 Beghin et al 439

Proposal for a regulation**Article 8***Text proposed by the Commission*

Cooperation

The Platform shall work, as appropriate, in cooperation with other relevant Union level expert groups and committees, whose work has a link with undeclared work, in particular the Senior Labour Inspectors Committee (SLIC), the Expert Committee on Posting of Workers, the Administrative Commission for Social Security Coordination, the Employment Committee (EMCO), the Social Protection Committee (SPC) and the Working Group on Administrative Cooperation in the field of Taxation. Joint meetings may also be organised.

Amendment

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(1a new) Any duplication with work done by other bodies at Union level is to be avoided. To this end transparency and the sharing of information is essential.

Amendment AW

Compromise amendment replacing Amendments: Rapporteur 71, Schulze 462, Tomc 463, Pirinski 464, Reintke 465

Proposal for a regulation

Article 11

Text proposed by the Commission

Review

Four years after its entry into force, the Commission shall submit a report on the application of this Decision to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. The report shall in particular assess to what extent the Platform has contributed to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2 and fulfilled the tasks as set out in Article 3 and in work programmes of the Platform.

Amendment

Review

Four years after its entry into force, the Commission shall submit a report, ***after consultation with the Platform***, on the application ***and the added value*** of this Decision to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions. The report shall in particular assess to what extent the Platform has contributed to the achievement of the objectives set out in Article 2, fulfilled ***its mission*** as set out in Article 3, ***carried out the tasks as set out in Article 4*** and ***addressed the priorities set out in the*** work programmes of the Platform. ***It shall also identify shortcomings and put forward respective proposals on the functioning of the platform if deemed appropriate.***

Or. en