

**Question for written answer E-016016/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Revision of the Posting of Workers Directive

At the time of the adoption of Directive 2014/67/EU on the enforcement of the Posting of Workers Directive in May 2014, the Commission stated that the directive contained strong safeguards against social dumping, that it would increase awareness among workers and companies of their rights and duties in terms of working conditions, and would ensure the better application of the rules on workforce mobility in practice.

During a debate at Parliament's part-session on 15 December 2015, the Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, Marianne Thyssen, justified the plan to revise this directive using very similar arguments.

In this context, and given the urgent nature of many other problems which must be resolved, it is incomprehensible that the Commission is focusing on the revision of a directive that is barely two years old, that was difficult to negotiate and that has still not fulfilled its purpose. It must be pointed out that several Member States, at least two of the major political groups in the European Parliament, and European organisations representing employers, are opposed to this plan.

1. Can the Commission say what specifically is motivating its efforts to revise Directive 2014/67/EU of 15 May 2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the Posting of Workers Directive?
2. How exactly has the situation changed over one and a half years, and what new goals and arguments can the Commission present to defend its initiative?