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Freedom of movement for workers

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Proposal for a directive

Recital 2

Text proposed by the Commission

Amendment

(2) The free movement of workers is also a key element to the development of a genuine Union labour market, allowing workers to move ***from high unemployment areas*** to areas where there are labour shortages, helping more people find posts better suited to their skills and overcoming bottlenecks in the labour market.

(2) The free movement of workers is also a key element to the development of a genuine Union labour market, allowing workers to move to areas where there are labour shortages ***or offering more employment opportunities***, helping more people find posts better suited to their skills and overcoming bottlenecks in the labour market. ***On the other hand, the free movement of workers has created many problems, such as social dumping and pressure on welfare payments.***

Or. en

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Amendment

(2a) Member States should be entitled to create and maintain certain criteria for access to their social benefits, in order to ensure that those who benefit from the national social system do have a long and continued connection to their labour markets. It is unsustainable for a welfare state to have payment obligations to Union citizens who only stay in a Member State for a short period of time and who, during that time, might not even contribute adequately to the welfare state. In light of recent developments, Member States should therefore be entitled to lay down restrictions that ensure the stability of the welfare state.

Or. en

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Amendment

(22a) The easy access to social benefits in some Member States is one of the main reasons for social dumping. For example, child subsidies in some Member States constitute up to 25 % of the annual payment in other Member States. This creates a negative incentive as access to social benefits linked to a job becomes more economically attractive than decent pay.

Or. en

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Recital 23

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Amendment

(23) This Directive lays down minimum requirements, thus giving the Member States the option of introducing or maintaining more favourable provisions. Member States also have the possibility to extend the competencies of the organisations entrusted with tasks related to the protection of Union migrant workers against discrimination on grounds of nationality so as to cover the right to equal treatment without discrimination on grounds of nationality of all Union citizens and their family members exercising their right to free movement, as enshrined in Article 21 TFEU and Directive 2004/38/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the right of citizens of the Union and their family members to move and reside freely within the territory of the Member States³³. The implementation of the present Directive should not serve to justify any regression in relation to the situation which already prevails in each Member State.

(23) Family members of Union citizens have the right to move and stay in another Member State along with their spouse. However, if the family member is not a Union citizen, national migration law has to be followed. It is unacceptable that the rights for Union citizens can be used by non-Union citizens to gain access to a Member State which is not granted by the migration law of the Member State.

³³ OJ L 158, 30.4.2004.

Or. en

