

Monitoring Compliance with Labour Standards

Restriction of economic freedoms or effective protection of rights?

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The Posting of Workers Directive and Art 56

Member states shall

- give posted workers access to work temporally in their territory and
- ensure minimum standard of wages and employment conditions



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Fair competition

Prevent national labour markets



EU law perspective on national monitoring measures

Restriction of economic freedoms



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Member State perspective on national monitoring measures





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Protect natonal labour market



Tentative conclusion

EU law has mainly focused on enhancing free movement of services

National law has mainly focused on protecting national labour markets

Neither EU nor Member States has properly addressed the protection of posted workers



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Proposal for

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on the enforcement of Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services



A stricter definition of posting

- 1. Where is the service provider established?
- 2. Is the worker temporarily carrying out work in a Member State other than the one in which he or she normally works?



Access to information

Measures for improved access to information to foreign service providers.



Administrative cooperation and monitoring compliance

- The Member State of establishment shall continue to control, monitor etcemplyment conditions of workers posted to another Member State.
- Host state may request information from Member State of establishment
- The state of establishment shall also on its own initiative give the host relevant information concerning the service provider, if that Member State is aware of facts indicating "possible irregularities."



National control measures

Member States may <u>only</u> impose the following administrative requirements and control measures:

- A simple declaration
- Keep social documents during posting + translation
- Designate a contact person to negotiate



Joint and several liability

The Member State shall ensure a system for joint and several liability in the construction sector.