



**Hungarian National Assembly
Committee on European Affairs
Chairman**

Mr Erik Christensen
Chairman
European Affairs Committee
Danish Parliament
Copenhagen

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Dear Mr Chairman, *Dear Erik,*

By this letter I wish to draw your kind attention Mr Chairman to a particular Commission Proposal which still constitutes a common concern for a large number of EU national Parliaments.

As you may remember last year the so-called yellow card procedure was triggered by 14 parliamentary chambers of 11 Member States regarding the Proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council amending Directive 96/71/EC concerning the posting of workers in the framework of the provision of services [COM (2016) 128; 2016/0070(COD)]. The Danish Parliament also adopted a reasoned opinion regarding the above-mentioned Proposal.

Unfortunately, the European Commission disregarded the subsidiarity concerns raised by our national Parliaments with respect to the Proposal and additionally the actual Council Presidency intends to complete the negotiations in the Council in the near future. Following closely the EU decision making procedure, I wish to point out that the current draft Directive hasn't resolved the fundamental subsidiarity issues.

Let me stress that the definition of pay falls under the competence of the Member States and the introduction of the concept of remuneration aims to artificially equalize the diverging wage levels of Member States. The Directive 96/71/EC currently in force ensures the required flexibility regarding the pay of temporary posted workers.

I kindly ask you Mr Chairman to revitalize our cooperation in order to uphold our positions and concerns during the Council deliberations thus ensuring to prevent any general approach in the upcoming EPSCO Council meetings concerning the Proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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