

Folketinget — Europaudvalget

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Til

udvalgets medlemmer og stedfortrædere.

Henvendelse af 13/2-06 fra den finske europaudvalgsformand om adgang til det finske arbejdsmarked

Til udvalgets orientering vedlægges henvendelse fra den finske europaudvalgsformand, der informerer om, at Finland ikke forlænger begrænsningen på adgangen til det finske arbejdsmarked for arbejdstagere fra de nye medlemslande.

Med venlig hilsen
Lone Boelt Møller,
udvalgssekretær.

Dear Colleagues,

I am happy to inform you about the positive decision Finnish Government has taken today.

Looking forward to seeing you in Vienna.

Sincerely,

Jari Vilén

The Chairman of the Grand Committee

Finland not to extend restrictions on access to labour market

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Finnish labour market organisations and the government agreed Friday not to renew the transitional period limiting the free movement of workers from eight member states that joined the European Union on 1 May 2004. (Cyprus and Malta were not included in the earlier decision)

The restrictions are to be relaxed in May.

A Ministry of Labour-appointed working group was tasked with coming up with new measures to keep the grey economy in check. In particular, the working group is to identify ways in which the accounts of companies using foreign workers and foreign subcontractors can be monitored.

The government is to submit a proposal to Parliament by April.

The Finnish labour movement's top-priority negotiation goal was boosted supervision in return for giving up a longer transitional period. However, all parties were in agreement that Finland as a whole would stand to gain from foreign labour and that an extended transitional period would have increased the size of the grey economy.