



Mrs Ursula von der Leyen

President
European Commission
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Dear President,

In the wake of the COVID-19 crisis, BusinessEurope is concerned that the deadline for transposition set in the revised posting of workers directive 2018/957(30 July 2020), is not a workable timeframe.

The European business community is committed to implement the new rules set in the posting of workers directive. However, achieving the necessary clarity in each country on the new applicable rules for posted workers requires important administrative resources. It requires notably fully operational national websites and will mobilise large and currently scarce administrative resources in companies to apply the new rules correctly in the initial phase.

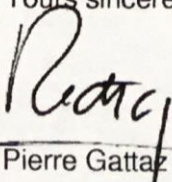
Throughout the last weeks we have had regular and fruitful exchanges with Commissioner Schmit on the many issues on our plate in this exceptional situation. We very much appreciate this good working relationship. Together with the other Social Partners, we do our best to work constructively on difficult topics.

However, on the particular question on the postponement of the transposition deadline we were disappointed to see that our very real and practical concerns were not sufficiently taken into consideration after raising the issue in our letter of 14 April 2020 (at annex).

Sticking to the current transposition deadline will cause legal uncertainty if all countries have not put in place the necessary tools to inform companies on the way to comply with the new rules on posting of workers. It will create significant additional administrative burden on companies at a particularly difficult time.

In view of the fact that there are existing EU rules on posting of workers that are familiar to all the relevant players, I am writing you to ask that the Commission gives more time to national administrations and companies to put in place the tools to provide companies with the necessary information on how to comply with the new requirements of directive 2018/957.

Yours sincerely,



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