



Mr Nicolas Schmit
Commissioner for jobs and social rights
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Dear Commissioner,

Re: BusinessEurope's response to the Commission second-stage consultation on European Works Councils

I am writing to inform you that, in response to the second-stage consultation of the European social partners on a possible revision of the European Works Council Directive (Directive 2009/38/EC), which was initiated by the European Commission on 26 July, BusinessEurope has offered to ETUC to open negotiations on how to revise this important directive. You will find at annex the letter that we have sent to the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) to propose such negotiations.

Our main objective will be to agree on amendments to the EU legislative framework, which will help improve the functioning of EWCs in practice.

BusinessEurope is convinced that the European social partners are the best placed to deal with the revision of the European Works Council Directive and very much hope that the ETUC will live up to their co-responsibility as a European social partner by accepting our offer for negotiations.

Yours sincerely,

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