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Dear Mr Nowacki,  
Dear Mr Arlauskas,

Thank you for your letter of 29 of May in which you call for caution in the introduction and implementation of EU social policy ambitions.

You call upon the Commission to postpone the date of application of Directive (EU) 2018/957. This revised Directive introduces significant improvements of the situation of posted workers, in particular application to posted workers of all the mandatory elements of remuneration (instead of the "minimum rates of pay"). It also improves the situation for their employers ensuring that provision of services is made under the same conditions as are imposed by Member States to their own nationals.

The Commission does not intend to propose an amendment of the Directive with the view of changing its date of application.

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You also suggest considering the timeliness of the revision of Regulations of Social Security Coordination<sup>1</sup>. The Commission remains fully committed to reach an agreement in the shortest time possible, the proposal to amend the Regulation on the coordination of social security systems remains a priority. Our objective is to ensure that mobile workers, employers and national institutions can benefit from new improved and simplified rules.

Finally, you express concerns about overcoming the difficulties presented by the current crisis caused by the COVID-19 outbreak, and that financial means alone are not enough. Indeed, Member States' administrations, social partners and citizens will have to pull together to overcome this unprecedented crisis. The European Union is contributing to this to the largest extent possible. Based on Coronavirus Response Investment Initiatives<sup>2</sup> and the recovery plan<sup>3</sup> presented by President von der Leyen on 27<sup>th</sup> of May, coordinated action between the Commission and the Member states will be key in gradually restoring a well-functioning single market, for the benefit of workers, companies, citizens and the European economy at large.

Yours sincerely,



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<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52016PC0815>

<sup>2</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/regional\\_policy/en/newsroom/coronavirus-response/](https://ec.europa.eu/regional_policy/en/newsroom/coronavirus-response/)

<sup>3</sup> [https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/recovery-plan-europe\\_en](https://ec.europa.eu/info/live-work-travel-eu/health/coronavirus-response/recovery-plan-europe_en)