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These national cards or systems, which already digitalise forms such as the A1 posting form and make it possible to specify the worker's country of social security affiliation, must be able to be linked together at European level.

"Faced with the reality of a sector characterised by a highly mobile workforce, in a highly fragmented industry and operating in a competitive single market, there is a need for a social identity card system", the two organisations say in a joint statement.

"There is also a strong need for more digital tools to facilitate more effective enforcement and management of legislation and to protect the rights of mobile workers", said the EFBWW.

The EFBWW and FIEC will launch a pilot project and are waiting for the green light from the Commission for funding. As part of the ESSPASS project, which builds on the EU's 'Single Digital Gateway' regulation, the Commission has already announced in its work programme that EU citizens should be able to access and complete 21 key administrative procedures online by the end of 2023 and obtain the result electronically.

Three of them will be procedures related to the field of social security coordination: applying for the portable A1 document (PDA1), obtaining the European Health Insurance Card and applying for a summary of pension decisions (PDP1).

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