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EFBWW, FIEC and EBC welcome provisional agreement supporting mandatory prior notification for the posting of workers in construction

Following the trilogue negotiations on the revision of the social security coordination, which took place on 22nd April, EFBWW, FIEC and EBC welcome the provisional agreement reached between the co-legislators. The Council of the EU and the European Parliament have taken on board the reality and concerns of the construction industry and confirmed that prior notification will continue being required for all postings in the construction sector, no matter how short.

After more than 10 years, the outcome of these latest discussions on the revision of Regulation 883/2004 is an important step forward. Thanks to repeated warnings from both trade unions and employers in the construction industry, the specific needs of the sector have eventually been recognised.

Indeed, for the past 10 years, the sectoral social partners have consistently called for mandatory prior notification for all postings in the construction sector, without exemption. The construction industry accounts for more than 40% of all postings in the EU and a clear, enforceable rule matching its needs and request is essential in order to avoid fraud and abuse risks.

EFBWW, FIEC and EBC now call the EU co-legislators to swiftly endorse the provisional agreement reached on 22nd April. Moreover, the social partners in the construction sector expect soon another milestone to come in support of this revision, namely the digitalisation of social security procedures, through the forthcoming ESSPASS legislative proposal, which can support better enforcement of social security coordination, making notification digital and streamlined.

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The European Builders Confederation (EBC) is the employers' organisation representing micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and craft trades in the construction sector. EBC represents 21 members from 15 EU countries and Switzerland, and around 300 000 companies.