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EFBWW, FIEC and EBC welcome Council endorsement of agreement on social security coordination

Brussels, 30 April 2026 – EFBWW, FIEC and EBC welcome the endorsement by EU Member States’ representatives of the provisional agreement on the revision of the coordination of social security systems (Regulations 883/2004 and 987/2009), reached with the European Parliament on 22 April 2026.

This milestone marks a decisive step towards clearer, fairer and more enforceable rules for social security coordination across the European Union, strengthening fair labour mobility and improving legal certainty for workers and companies alike.

The European social partners in construction particularly welcome the confirmation that prior notification remains mandatory for all postings in the construction sector, without exemptions for short-term activities, reflecting the specific characteristics of the sector.

For more than a decade, EFBWW, FIEC and EBC have consistently called for mandatory prior notification without exceptions for posting activity in the sector. The endorsed agreement confirms that EU policymakers have listened to the sector’s concerns, a sector accounting for over 40% of all posted workers in the EU and particularly exposed to fraud and abuse risks.

EFBWW, FIEC and EBC now call on the European Parliament to swiftly confirm the agreement, paving the way for its formal adoption, to ensure fair competition through clear and enforceable rules and proper working conditions.

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FIEC is the European Construction Industry Federation representing, via its 32 national member federations in 27 countries (24 EU & Norway, Switzerland, and Ukraine), construction enterprises of all sizes, i.e., small, and medium-sized enterprises as well as "global players", carrying out all forms of building and civil engineering activities.

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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.