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## FIEC remains cautious after agreement on the « Posting » Directive

■ Two years after the initial Commission's proposal, the Council and the European Parliament reached an agreement yesterday at the "trilogue" level on the revision of the "Posting" Directive.

*"We welcome the end of these negotiations because our companies need a stable and clear legislative framework, which ensures a level playing field" declared Jean-Louis Marchand, FIEC President. "However, we remain cautious as regards the overall outcome, bearing in mind that we have not yet been able to assess the potential impact of all the elements of the agreement" added Jean-Louis Marchand.*

*"According to the information that we have received, the agreement introduces some positive provisions aimed, for example, at fighting fake forms of posting or at combating the problem of letterbox companies. But there are also new elements such as the introduction of the notion of "remuneration" instead of "minimum rates of pay" or the limitation of the duration of posting for which we don't yet know the real impact for posting companies or for posted workers" explained Maxime Verhagen, FIEC Vice-President for Social Affairs.*

FIEC underlines its commitment to fighting against all forms of fraud, in particular in the area of posting, and will continue to cooperate with the European Institutions and its Social Partner, the EFBWW (European Federation of Building and Wood Workers), for effective enforcement of the existing legislative framework.

In order to become applicable this agreement found in the "trilogue" now needs to be formally approved both by the Council of Ministers and by the European Parliament.