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Statement by the ETUC on the European Council compromise on the enforcement of the posting of workers directive

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For the European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC), an essential element is to enshrine in legislation the right of member states to put in place whatever control measures they deem necessary to protect workers' rights to fair and equal conditions.

Unfortunately the agreement reached in the council does not set this key principle with the necessary legal clarity. The list of control measures must be open.

Contractors in any country must be responsible for enforcing conditions set by law or collective agreements (chain liability) on subcontractors. Problems are particularly acute in the construction sector, but not limited to it. The ETUC will continue to demand a compulsory joint and several liability covering all sectors.

Bernadette Ségal ETUC Secretary General said: "*Despite efforts made by some governments to meet our demands and move towards a more social Europe, this compromise text does not meet our expectations: our demands remain on the table*".

"In the upcoming negotiations ETUC will look to the European Parliament to clear ambiguities and ensure that mechanisms are put in place so that all EU workers enjoy fair and equal working conditions. "

The European Trade Union Confederation (ETUC) exists to speak with a single voice, on behalf of the common interests of workers, at European level. Founded in 1973, it now represents 85 trade union organisations in 36 European countries, plus 10 industry-based federations. The ETUC is also on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Flickr](#).

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