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MEP Danuta Jazłowiecka advocates social dumping and exploitation as a normal business model

Recently, Ms Danuta Jazłowiecka, Polish Member of the European Parliament (EPP), published her draft report regarding the proposed Enforcement Directive, which should improve the enforcement of the current Posting of Workers Directive. At a time when it is widely acknowledged that the EU and many countries have failed to protect posted cross-border workers from social exploitation and honest companies from unfair competition, Ms Jazłowiecka proposes the following 'solutions': less control powers for labour inspectors, more possibilities for labour providers to post workers abroad and more information websites. These proposals clearly illustrate that Ms Jazłowiecka hasn't got a true grasp of the actual situation.

Every day, all over Europe, thousands of posted workers are being exploited as cheap workers. Due to high unemployment and poor living conditions, some eastern and south-eastern EU countries have become a breeding ground for labour recruiters who hire and post workers to foreign workplaces where they are employed as modern slaves. Months of unpaid wages, inhuman living conditions, extremely dangerous working conditions and no social protection is a sad reality in the world of posted workers. Sadly some national governments and politicians prefer to turn a blind eye to these practices and continue to promote the unregulated labour market as a panacea.

For many years now, trade unions, NGO's and even some employers' federations have been openly denouncing the current practices of social dumping and stressing the urgent need for effective enforcement measures.

The EFBWW and EFFAT urgently call all Members of the European Parliament to distance them from the position of Ms Danuta Jazłowiecka and to start a genuine dialogue with labour inspectors, trade unions and pragmatic employers to find a sustainable solution to these unacceptable practices. A genuine solution can only be based on a correct description of current realities.

The EFBWW and EFFAT – together with other European Industry Federations – will start a European information and mobilization campaign and will organize a EU manifestation on 23 January 2013 in Brussels.

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Note from the editor:

The draft report of Ms Danuta Jazłowiecka, is her personal opinion on a legislative proposal submitted by the European Commission to the European parliament and Council.

The initial proposal of the Commission is available on the following link: http://eur-lex.europa.eu/smartapi/cgi/sga_doc?smartapi!celexplus!prod!DocNumber&lg=EN&type_doc=COMfinal&an_doc=2012&nu_doc=131