In his State of the Union Address 2017 at the European Parliament, President Juncker announced plans for a European Labour Authority that would ensure that EU rules on labour mobility are enforced in a fair, simple and effective way.

WHY DO WE NEED A EUROPEAN LABOUR AUTHORITY?

- 16 million Europeans now live and work in a Member State other than that of their nationality. That is twice as many as 10 years ago.

- Every day, 1.7 million Europeans commute to another Member State.

- Every year, hundreds of millions travel across Europe for family, tourism or business reasons.

- Citizens and business need to access information easily and be sure about opportunities and rights at home and abroad. National authorities need to cooperate seamlessly.

NEXT STEPS

In his Letter of Intent to the European Parliament and Council, President Juncker announced by the end of 2018 a proposal to establish a European Labour Authority to strengthen cooperation between labour market authorities at all levels and better manage cross-border situations, as well as further initiatives in support of fair mobility, such as a European Social Security Number.
WHAT WILL THE AUTHORITY DO?

- Strengthen administrative cooperation and mutual trust for a fair mobility in the Single Market, including by solving possible disputes between national authorities
- Pool existing tools for cross-border mobility to provide a one-stop shop for citizens, business and public authorities (EURES – the European job mobility portal, EU social security coordination, European Health Insurance Card, EU blue card, etc.)
- Fight abuse of labour and social legislation and organise joint cross-border control activities
- Build on existing agencies and structures to manage better cross-border and joint activities, for instance in terms of skills forecasting, health and safety at work, the management of restructuring and tackling undeclared work.

AGENCIES AND STRUCTURES ACTIVE IN THE FIELD INCLUDE:

- European Foundation for the Improvement of Working and Living Conditions
- European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training
- European Agency for Safety and Health at Work
- European Training Foundation
- European Job Mobility Portal
- European Platform tackling undeclared work

OTHER RECENT COMMISSION INITIATIVES TO ENSURE FAIR MOBILITY INCLUDE:

- Reform of the Posting of Workers Directive
- Modernisation of EU rules for the coordination of social security systems
- The launch of the Electronic System of Social Security Information