



## STATE OF THE UNION 2017

# A EUROPEAN LABOUR AUTHORITY



*'We should make sure that all EU rules on labour mobility are enforced in a fair, simple and effective way by a new European inspection and enforcement body. It seems absurd to have a Banking Authority to police banking standards, but no common Labour Authority for ensuring fairness in our single market. We will create one.'*

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, State of the Union Address, 13 September 2017

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