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Dear Colleagues,

I send you just a little while ago an answer by the Finnish Government (joint answer of Ministry of the Interior, Ministry for Economic Affairs and Employment, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health and Ministry for Education and Ministry of Education and Culture). I would like to specify a couple points:

Regarding question 12, we replied that we do not support access to other Member States to work and reside there on the basis of a permit issued by one Member State. We understand that this question refers to quasi-unlimited access while holding any residence and work permit. We would like to point out that on the contrary, we do support the provisions on intra-EU mobility included in the already adopted sectorial Directives (especially recast Students and Researchers, ICT) as well as in the revised Blue Card Directive which is currently being negotiated. Flexible access to other Member States is central to the added value of these instruments.

Under several points in question 11 we stated opposition to further EU legislation which would be applicable to specific groups of migrants. This should be understood as meaning that we consider that the current legal framework (especially taking into account the horizontal Single Permit Directive) has a relatively good coverage and more importantly, many directives have been in force for a limited period of time or are only being implemented now. This is why it would be premature to consider any new EU legislation in this area before we have gathered more experience and insight into the functioning of the current acquis.

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