

## “Current socio-economic context and implications for free movement of workers issues”

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## Introduction

- To what extent are EU migrant workers moving considering the current economic climate?
- Has the reaction of M-S when tackling the domestic situation had any impact what so ever on those willing to move and work there and what resulting measures could be legally questionable?
- Can cross-border mobility be considered a goal especially in these times? what role would mobility for work purposes have in this context?
- What is the position of EU on mobility now/role played by the EU Commission?

### 1) THE CONTEXT: EU migrant workers move more or less within the EU?

- Difficulty in gathering information
- Crisis will indeed impact intra-EU migration flows

### 2) ATTITUDE OF M-S IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT AND POSSIBLE IMPACT THEREOF

- Traditional and new barriers
- Temptation of protectionism (political tensions regarding labour mobility)

### 3) CAN CROSS-BORDER MOBILITY FOR WORK PURPOSES BE CONSIDERED A GOAL ESPECIALLY IN CURRENT TIMES?

- No doubt about it: YES
- Why?

### 4- WHAT IS THE EU POSITION ON MOBILITY FOR WORK-PURPOSES AT THIS PARTICULAR CONTEXT?

- **Communication for the Spring European Council (COM (2009) 114 final, "Driving European recovery", 4 March 2009**
- **Council conclusions on the professional and geographical mobility of the workforce and free movement of workers within the European Union, Brussels, 9 March 2009**
- **EU Employment summit, Prague 7 May 2009-10-06**
- **Communication of the Commission (COM (2009) 257 final, "A shared commitment for employment", 3 June 2009**

POSITION OF THE EU  
COMMISSION

- Free movement of workers: fundamental freedom
- “Guardian” of the Treaties
- Enforcement