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Subject: Unemployment benefit for cross-border workers

Unemployment insurance compensation for cross-border workers in European countries is governed by Regulation (EC) No 883/2004. Under that regulation, workers pay contributions in the country they work in, but receive benefits from the unemployment insurance fund in their country of residence.

However, according to the provisions of the regulation and of bilateral agreements, the country the contributions have been paid in does not systematically transfer those contributions to the fund that pays out the benefits. The toll on France is heavy. Once the small proportion of contributions has been retroceded, the amount remaining for it to pay at its own expense to workers who have contributed to a foreign insurance scheme and whose entitlements are calculated by that country is an estimated EUR 800 million a year.

1. Among the options for amending the regulation, is the Commission planning to simplify it by making the fund that receives the contributions the one that pays out the benefits, rather than creating a complex scheme that could be added to existing models?

2. Does it intend to abandon the project to collect data at EU level, in order to respect the principle of subsidiarity and the purely bilateral nature of such data, given that the current framework in this area is not problematic and does not need to be overhauled?

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