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From:	General Secretariat of the Council
To:	Permanent Representatives Committee (Part 1)
Subject:	Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 establishing a European Labour Authority, Regulation (EU) 2016/589 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System, and repealing Commission Implementing Decisions (EU) 2017/1256, (EU) 2018/170, (EU) 2018/1020 and (EU) 2018/1021 - Optional consultation of the Committee of the Regions

1. On 15 September 2026, the Commission submitted to the Council a Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 establishing a European Labour Authority, Regulation (EU) 2016/589 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets and Regulation (EU) No 1024/2012 on administrative cooperation through the Internal Market Information System, and repealing Commission Implementing Decisions (EU) 2017/1256, (EU) 2018/170, (EU) 2018/1020 and (EU) 2018/1021¹.

¹ Doc. 13131/26.

2. This proposal forms part of the Fair Labour Mobility Package presented by the European Commission the same day. The proposal aims to provide the European Labour Authority (ELA) with the adequate tools to enhance its strategic and operational capacity to contribute to the enforcement of EU law and improving the functioning of the internal market, notably by
- Improving access to, and the quality of, information and support in cross-border labour mobility situations, ensuring that individuals, intra-EU mobile workers, certain third-country national workers and Union employers are better able to exercise their rights and fulfil their obligations,
 - Increasing the number of individuals and businesses benefiting from cross-border mobility support and improving job-matching outcomes by enhancing the efficiency of governance and operation of the EURES network and portal,
 - Improving the targeting and effectiveness of enforcement actions in cross-border situations - including in cases involving third-country national workers - by strengthening ELA's analytical and operational support for concerted and joint inspections,
 - Reducing the number of cross-border disputes by improving the effectiveness and practical usefulness of ELA's mediation function.
3. The proposal for a regulation amending Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 establishing a European Labour Authority and other related regulations, which is based on Articles 46 and 48 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), does not require the Opinion of the Committee of the Regions.
4. In its proposal, the Commission suggests that the Committee of the Regions is consulted on an optional basis. Considering that the subject matter is strongly related to the Union's social policy as defined in title X TFEU and that, under this title, for the adoption of Union acts under Article 153, the ordinary legislative procedure with consultation of the Committee of the Regions applies, there is an argument to search the opinion of the Committee of the Regions.

5. In addition, given that the Committee of the Regions has delivered opinions on the to be amended Regulation (EU) 2019/1149 establishing a European Labour Authority² and the to be amended Regulation (EU) 2016/589 on a European network of employment services (EURES), workers' access to mobility services and the further integration of labour markets³ it would appear appropriate to consult the Committee of the Regions also on the amending Regulation.
6. The Permanent Representatives Committee is therefore invited to:
- Decide, in accordance with Article 304 TFEU and Article 19(7)(h) of the Council's Rules of Procedure⁴, to consult the Committee of the Regions on this proposal⁵.
 - Request the Committee of the Regions to give its opinion as soon as possible.

² OJ C 461, 21.12.2018, p. 16.

³ OJ C 271, 19.8.2014, p. 70.

⁴ Council Decision 2009/937/EU of 1 December 2009 adopting the Council's Rules of Procedure, OJ L 325, 11.12.2009, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2009/937/oj>.

⁵ The sole purpose of this note is to decide on the consultation of another institution/body and not on the substance.