

JOINT STATEMENT
ON COOPERATION AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION
IN THE FIELD OF SOCIAL POLICY
The Minister of Labour and Social Policy
of the Republic of Poland
and
The Minister of Social Affairs and Employment
of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Recognizing that the European internal market, with its free movement of persons, goods, capital and services, is of the utmost importance for our economies, and is essential for the recovery of the economy in Europe.

Agreeing that in promoting the internal market not only economic, but also social aspects should be monitored, and that decent labour conditions, fair wages and an effective social protection for employees are essential for both the workers involved and the acceptance of the European project by European citizens in general.

Noting, however, that in a number of sectors of our economies labour conditions are under pressure, because of increased competition, smaller profit margins, and cut backs on costs, including labour costs.

Observing that these circumstances have led to excesses, such as underpayment, exploitation, phenomena which cannot be tolerated in any decent society, and are therefore under all circumstances unacceptable, both from the perspective of employees, because of the social problems they bring, and from the employers perspective, as false competition, for instance through mala fide practise of temporary work agencies or sham constructions, threatens the level playing field.

Agreeing that dealing with these challenges is mainly a national competence, but that considering the European dimension of modern services, industry and agriculture and the extensive cross border labour relations which have developed between our countries, a further strengthening of bilateral cooperation is important for a successful prevention of fraud and abuse.

Having regard for the organisational differences between our countries, respecting the competences of authorities and implementing bodies in our countries, and operating with due respect of earlier entered agreements and obligations between these authorities and implementing bodies.

Respecting the agreed Joint Declaration on cooperation and exchange of information in the field of social policy approved on 16 April 2008 between the Minister of Labour and Social Policy of the Republic of Poland and the Minister of Social Affairs and Employment of the Kingdom of the Netherlands.

HAVE AGREED:

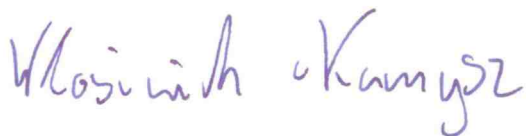
to reiterate the declaration above, to promote, within our competences, with all possible means, that the cooperation between our countries, our Ministries will be even better organized and intensified, and that the protection of workers and the prevention of fraud and abuse will be a priority for our Ministries.

that Poland and the Netherlands will cooperate in distributing information in Poland and in the Netherlands aimed at potential migrant workers, migrant workers as well as their employers.

that Poland and the Netherlands will provide additional information about provisions on working conditions and developments regarding system of certification temporary work agencies.

to evaluate the results of our intensified cooperation, to intervene whenever problems arise, and to keep each other informed on the developments in the field of the protection of workers and the prevention of fraud and abuse.

**The Minister of Labour and Social
Policy of the Republic of Poland,**



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Netherlands,**

