Freedom of establishment and freedom to provide services: right to take collective action

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The Council **took note of a progress report** regarding enforcement of the posting of workers directive and the right to collective action regulation.

The proposal on the **right to collective action** confirms the fundamental right to collective bargaining and to take collective action, including the right to strike, and economic freedoms of equal importance. It lays down general principles with respect to the exercise of the right to strike within the context of the freedom of establishment and the freedom to provide services. It also sets out a new alert mechanism for industrial conflicts in cross-border situations.

Its adoption requires unanimity and the consent of the European Parliament.

Many delegations have expressed reservations about the added value of this proposal or have raised concerns regarding the content during discussions in the Council's working party.

According to protocol N° 2 to the TEU on the application of the principles of subsidiarity and proportionality, Commission will have to review the proposal and may subsequently decide to maintain, amend or withdraw it.