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Coordination of social security systems

Quote from Jean Lambert MEP

Today, trilogue negotiations between the European Parliament, Commission and Council have just concluded on the coordination of social security systems.

Jean Lambert, social policy spokesperson for the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament comments:

"Social protection for mobile citizens keeps the promise of freedom of movement and this agreement is a success for worker's rights in a more social Europe. A cut in family allowances for European workers whose children do not live where their parents work has been successfully blocked by the Greens/EFA group. This agreement treats workers and their children equally, regardless of origin, job or place of residence. We are counting on Parliament to ensure that this text, which strengthens the protection of citizens, is adopted."

Members of the European Parliament are expected to vote on the agreement in the plenary session in April.

Key points:

- Increasing time to find work: unemployment benefits can be exported for six months.
- a one-month waiting period for receiving unemployment benefit in another Member State to protect the social security system of the host Member State.
- Better protection of workers against the falsification of social security documents.
- Strengthening and speeding up the deadlines for cooperation between the administrations of the Member States.
- Long-term care will be an explicit part of the coordination of social security systems.

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