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Working time for lorry drivers

A victory for a more social Europe

Commenting on today's vote on the directive for working time for lorry drivers in the European Parliament's Social Affairs and Employment Committee, Green MEP **Emilie Turunen** (Denmark) said:

"Today's vote is a big victory for a more social Europe. It states that we do not distinguish between self-employed and employed drivers: all drivers are now covered by the Directive which closes unfair competition loopholes.

By demanding the same health and safety rules for all professional drivers, Parliament has sent a clear message that employment status should make no difference when it comes to working time.

Excluding self-employed drivers would have exacerbated the problem of drivers being pressured to accept false independent status and to work longer hours. It is a 1-0 victory for a social Europe who wants to defend equal rights for all workers!"

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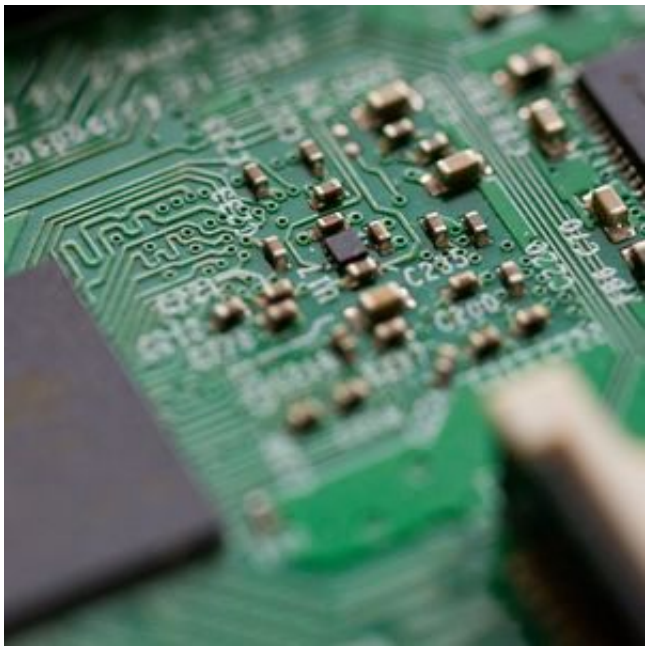


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