

**COMMUNICATION**  
**to the European Parliament and the Council**  
**pursuant to Article 23f (4) of the Austrian Constitutional Law**  
**from the Standing Sub-Committee on European Union Affairs**  
**of the Main Committee of the National Council**  
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**Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on establishing a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work**

The National Council welcomes the proposal to establish a European Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work. Undeclared work causes considerable losses for the European economy, for the social systems and for persons in employment. It undermines competition between economic operators, jeopardises the sustainability of public finances and social security systems, and it has a negative impact on standards of occupational health and safety and social protection.

Moreover, efforts made to fight against wage and social dumping must not be undermined. For this reason, the National Council and the Federal Council rejected the proposal relating to the establishment of single-member private limited liability companies (Societas Unius Personae – SUP).

Therefore, the National Council calls upon the EU legislator:

- To make participation in the Platform to enhance cooperation in the prevention and deterrence of undeclared work mandatory for all Member States:
- To use a non-exclusive wording for the list of tasks in Article 4, so that other activities, e.g. in connection with the Posting of Workers Directive, can also be included.
- To fight against bogus self-employment in close cooperation with the social partners.
- To launch initiatives aimed at an improvement of administrative cooperation and the introduction of penalties in the Member States to combat wage and social dumping, and to support bilateral initiatives to that effect.
- To reject or, at least, thoroughly revise the current proposal for a Directive on single-member private limited liability companies.