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Following [a call by the European Council end of March](#), the [European Commission issued guidelines on 30 March](#) to follow a coordinated approach at EU level and to ensure that mobile workers, especially those critical in the fight against Covid-19, can reach their workplace. It provided a non-exhaustive list of critical workers such as health professionals, child and elderly care workers, scientists in health-related industries as well as workers in the food sector, for which a smooth and fast border-crossing, including proportionate health screening, should be guaranteed.

On 26 May, Parliament's [employment committee debated](#) reports of precarious working conditions of cross-border workers with the Croatian Presidency, the Commission and the European Labour Authority. On 18 June, ahead of the vote, MEPs [debated](#) the issue in plenary.

Next steps

The Commission is expected to respond to the Parliament's call with new specific guidelines to protect cross-border and seasonal workers in the context of Covid-19.