



The status of cross-border workers could evolve after the adoption of the resolution n° 819ⁱ adopted by the French National Assembly on 9 March 2022

The text aims to increase the number of days of teleworking for French border workers and to lead a European reflection on the status of cross-border workers.

The French deputies propose to continue and perpetuate the agreements reached during the pandemic with border countries. They insist on the many benefits, in their eyes, of telework and indicate in particular that "the positive gains associated with teleworking on the well-being and productivity of cross-border workers, on the rate of use of transport infrastructures, on local economic dynamism and on the environment have been demonstrated".

The text calls for the creation of a dedicated status for cross-border workers and proposes to offer crossborder workers the possibility to telework up to two days per week without any consequences on the determination of the social security and taxation regimes applicable to them.

The National Assembly calls on the European Union to discuss the issue and to make the status of crossborder workers a subject for the Conference on the Future of Europe. It also invites the French government, in the event that technical negotiations on a common solution fail, to initiate bilateral agreements on the basis of Article 16 of Regulation (EC) No 883/2004 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 29 April 2004 on the coordination of social security systems with border countries.

Will this resolution have an impact? Will the issue be presented to the European Commission? Will bilateral agreements be found in the short term before an eventual creation of a European statute for cross-border workers? Will Belgium and Germany follow the lead? A matter to be followed...

ⁱ <u>Resolution No. 819 on increasing teleworking by cross-border workers and on a European reflection on the</u> <u>status of cross-border workers.</u>