



Statement of NiT Hungary
to the European Parliament and European Commission

The Federation of National Private Transporters (NiT Hungary) as the advocacy organisation representing some 4,000 Hungarian employers providing road transport services, committed to the competitiveness of the whole Hungarian road transport sector is looking forward with optimism to the European Union legislation processes that determine the future of road transport.

At the same time, NiT Hungary expresses its concern, because the decisions establishing the integrity and competitiveness of the EU transport sector are driven by political ambitions instead of professional grounds and the fundamental interest attached to the independence of the liberalised market and competitive neutrality.

The Board of NiT Hungary – authorised by its membership with nearly 20,000 employees (drivers), earning a living for their families – CALLS THE ATTENTION of the legislators to the aspects in default of which there is no free, competitive neutral and competitive EU transportation market:

1. The economic integrity of the European Union cannot be established as long as covert protectionism, the unreasonable and disproportionate restriction of access to internal markets prevail in road transport services.
2. Legislation related to mobility and posting may not jeopardise the fundamental interests attached to the free movement of goods.
3. Regulations must avoid the division of the market and a bipolar structure that represent significant dangers to the employers of recently accessed member states with an economic competitive disadvantage as well as hundreds of thousands of workplaces provided by them. Regulations must consider the geopolitical situation and dissimilar economic strength of the member states.

Therefore, NiT Hungary underlines its firm position expressed several times with respect to European Union legislation and decision-makers:

1. Road transport has no place in the enforcement directive for any reason whatsoever. Drivers as mobile employees of transport undertakings providing services within the free market of the European Union ARE NOT POSTED EMPLOYEES.
2. The provisions should be simple, clear to interpret and possible to comply with. The requirements must consider the specialities of road transport and their application should not involve grave administrative burdens or a constant threat of fines.
3. For each new requirement, the criteria ensuring its application and compliance with its should be developed, and sufficient preparation time should be provided for application.
4. To ensure the competitiveness of the European Union as an economic community, the provisions may not result in a situation where the haulage operators of a non-EU state have more favourable conditions of competition than Member State service providers.

NiT Hungary CALLS ON the European Parliament and the European Commission to make a responsible and professionally grounded decision, and to prevent measures in the future and currently in force that exacerbate the fragmentation of the European Union. The Board of NiT Hungary warrants its partnership and the support of 14,000 Hungarian road transport operators to the organisations, Members of the European Parliament, institutions and Member State governments sharing its position and committed to the integrity of the principles of freedom of the European Union.

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