

### **Expert workshop**

## Transitional arrangements on the free movement of workers

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Regulatory framework for employment of A8 and A2 Nationals in Austria

- Transitional measures
- No free access to the Austrian labour market
- 2+3+2 years scheme



# Third period of the 2+3+2 years scheme

Serious disturbances of the labour market

Threat of such serious disturbances

Notification to the commission



### Employment of A8 (and A2) nationals during the period of transitional measures

Economic needs test

Permission of regional advisory board or

"Key worker"



### **Employment in certain professions**

- In professions with skill gaps and/or labour shortages
- Easier procedure for work permit
- Formal vocational training required
- 67 professions list is reviewed and (if necessary) enlarged every three months







#### Agriculture

#### Tourism (which is divided into winter- and summer tourism)

#### 6+6 months (agriculture up to 9 months)





#### **Posting of workers**

Minor restrictions on the free movement of services

Posting of workers not easily possible in certain branches





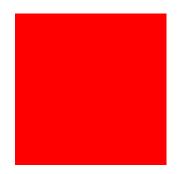
- Adoption and extension of transitional measures
- Labour market all but closed
- Step by step restrictions for certain groups are lifted



#### **Agreement of Austrian social partners**

- Fight (long term) unemployment
- tap the full potential of people already residing in Austria by supporting occupational and vocational retraining
- Open labour market step by step to A8 and A2 nationals (highly qualified persons and workers filling skill gaps and labour shortages
- Maintain transitional measures until 2011 (2013)





# Thank you for your attention!

