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**Subject: Your request for an update on the situation of discontinuous firefighters in Italy, registered under reference number Ares(2018)4550603, as a follow up to Ares (2018)1830197.**

Dear Mr Silipo,

Thank you for your request for information per email of 5 September 2018, addressed to Commissioner Ms Marianne Thyssen. I was asked to reply on her behalf.

You have asked what initiatives the European Commission has undertaken in order to solve the problems related to the status of the Italian "Occasional" firefighters and you indicate that you believe that their situation is contrary to Clause 5 (1) of the Framework Agreement on fixed term work concluded by ETUC, UNICE and CEEP annexed to Directive 1999/70/EC ("the Framework Agreement").

As indicated in our reply of 4 May 2018 with reference number Ares(2018)2371437, the Commission is still assessing the conformity of the Italian legislation governing the situation of public sector employees, including Italian occasional firefighters, with clause 5 of the framework agreement on fixed-term work, which obliges Member States to adopt measures to prevent the abuse of successive fixed-term contracts.

Any update on this assessment will also be published as a reply to the multiple complaint procedure with reference number **CHAP(2013)2870** related to a series of complaints the EC has received concerning possible abuse of successive fixed-term contracts in the Italian public sector. The discontinuous firefighters are also among the categories of public sector workers which might be affected by possible abuse of successive fixed-term contracts. You can access the updates regarding to CHAP(2013)2870, available in all EU languages, on the following website: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/information-notice-multiple-complaint-chap-2013-02870\\_en.pdf](https://ec.europa.eu/info/sites/info/files/information-notice-multiple-complaint-chap-2013-02870_en.pdf)

We will keep you informed about any developments on this case.

Yours sincerely,

  
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