

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE FREE MOVEMENT OF WORKERS IN THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY IN EUROPE AFTER BREXIT

The European group of the International Federation of Actors (EuroFIA) brings together performers' unions, guilds and professional associations from across the EU, EFTA and neighbouring countries, representing tens of thousands of performers, including dancers, across Europe.

The EuroFIA group notes that, while the likely final terms of the Brexit deal remain very unclear, there is nonetheless a strong signal from UK policy makers that the UK will leave the EU Single Market and the free movement of goods, services, capital and labour.

The likely barriers to free movement of labour between the EU and UK that would thus arise from Brexit will have devastating consequences for performers, due to the highly mobile nature of the industry. As jobs have become increasingly international, workers in the entertainment industry have become dependent on the freedom to work for short periods and at short notice throughout the EU, without burdensome visa requirements or restrictions and depending on the close coordination of social security systems. Performers of all kinds thus risk serious damage to their careers if their ability to work freely in the UK/EU is curtailed. This in turn will have a huge impact on the health of these industries which are of such financial and cultural importance to the UK and EU.

EuroFIA will work to promote the free movement of workers in the entertainment industry beyond Brexit and will raise the issue in the Audiovisual and Live Performance Sectoral Social Dialogue Committees. The group further supports Equity's lobby of the UK government to collaborate with the EU to put into place a scheme such as a general visa or permit tailored towards workers in the industry, which would allow them to carry on working within the UK and EU post-Brexit.

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