

Information on complaint CHAP(2015)1071

The European Commission has received a substantial number of complaints about the possible incompatibility of the working conditions of honorary judges, including honorary deputy prosecutors, in Italy with various provisions of EU labour law.

The Commission has registered these complaints under the reference CHAP(2015)1071.

Given the very large number of complaints received on this subject, the Commission is publishing the present notice on the webpage *Europa*, with a view to informing all those concerned while making the most economical use of its administrative resources.

On the basis of these complaints, the Commission has opened an investigation as to the conformity of Italian law with the provision of the Working Time Directive and of the Fixed Term Work Directive.

In the meantime, on 7 August 2017, a reference for a preliminary ruling (Case C-472/17 Di Girolamo, OJ C 347, 16.10.2017, p. 15-16) was lodged by the Giudice di Pace di L'Aquila (Italy) to the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU), accessible at <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2017:347:TOC>

The procedure for a preliminary ruling is at present pending before the CJEU. As the aspects raised in the reference for a preliminary ruling are at the centre of the investigation carried out by the Commission, the Commission is awaiting the outcome of this case before deciding on the appropriate way forward.

The Commission will keep the complainants informed of the follow-up given to their complaints.