Vietnamese worker prevented from losing his legal residence status in the Czech Republic

A Vietnamese man moved to the Czech Republic to work in a poultry farm. The man had difficulties arranging his legal stay on the territory of the Czech Republic. He had been granted an Employee Card, a type of permit for long-time residence on the territory of the country for the purpose of employment. However, in order to collect this document – which had already been issued to him – he needed a written confirmation from his employer that he was working for him. However, the employer refused to give him this written confirmation. The man thus found himself in a situation where was unable to collect his Employee Card. After working at the farm for six months, he was informed by his employer that he was being dismissed.

Thanks to the outreach team of La Strada Czech Republic, the man received adequate legal advice and with the help of the organisation’s staff and cooperating lawyers, he eventually succeeded in retrieving the document needed and could legally stay in the Czech Republic.

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**GOOD PRACTICE**

Thanks to information disseminated by La Strada’s outreach team, the man received relevant information and support, preventing that he would lose his legal residence status in the Czech Republic.

**BOTTLENECK**

This case is a perfect example of how fragile and unfavourable the Czech system of Employee Cards is towards third country nationals.