

**Question for written answer E-002029/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Breach of workers' rights

According to the report of the European Committee of Social Rights concerning labour rights, in 2014 Portugal failed to fulfil ten of the articles agreed to in the European Social Charter. By way of example:

- Work done during holidays was not properly paid;
- Nor have all workers exposed to hazardous situations benefited from proper compensation measures, in particular reduction in working hours or an additional holiday period;
- The minimum wage for private sector workers does not ensure decent living conditions - 500 000 workers are in this situation;
- In both the private sector and the public sector, the end of fixed-term and/or short-term contracts is not subject to conditions of advance notice, or else, when they do exist, they are inadequate;
- The criteria for determining the representation of workers and their organisations, in particular workers' committees and trade unions, are not appropriate, a problem that recurs with regard to collective bargaining.

This report recognises what some organisations have reported and shows how EU guidelines breach basic workers' rights.

I would like to ask the Commission: what is its view on this accusation of breaching the basic rights of Portuguese workers in which the EU is also involved?