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to the Commission**

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Subject:     Employment and collective agreements

The Eurofound report on industrial relations and working conditions developments in Europe 2013 indicates that at EU level only 6 in 10 employees in establishments with 10 employees or more are covered by a collective wage agreement. The sharpest drop reported in the number of workers covered by a collective agreement was in Portugal, where the number fell from 1.4 million in 2010 to 200 000 in 2013.

In Cyprus private sector collective agreements cover 43% of workers at company level, 28% at sectoral/regional level, 25% at occupational level and 15% at national/cross-sectoral level.

How does the Commission justify the promotion of more flexible collective agreements as a result of the European semester, when at the same time EU institutions are calling for greater security for workers?

How does the Commission intend to act against the worryingly rapid decline in the numbers of workers covered by collective agreements in several EU Member States?