

**Question for written answer E-004572/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Modern forms of slavery within the European Union

The annual presentation of the work programme of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights raised the issue of serious forms of labour exploitation.

According to the Agency, research shows that modern forms of slavery exist within the European Union in sectors such as agriculture, construction and maintenance.

1. Does the Commission have any figures on this issue?
2. What steps have been taken to combat modern forms of labour exploitation?
3. How does the Commission plan to strengthen controls on modern forms of slavery within the European Union?