

Question for written answer E-010842/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
Inês Cristina Zuber (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Change of collective agreement at the 'Eurospuma' company

'Eurospuma' is a polyurethane foam and cloth factory in Guetim, in the municipality of Espinho. The Eurospuma workers went on strike in May and did so again last week, in addition to staging a demonstration. They are protesting at the fact that they have had no pay rise for more than ten years. They also object to the company's intention of applying a different collective agreement from the one that has been in force for decades. If the collective agreement for the chemical industry were replaced by the one applying to rope and net manufacturing, the rights acquired to date would be greatly reduced.

The company is plainly attempting, by altering its job classification system, to harm its workers and increase its profits.

According to its website, the company has received EU funding, specifically under the Compete programme.

- Which EU funds have been used to finance this company in recent years, and what were the amounts involved?
- Does the Commission consider that the company has treated its workers in accordance with best practice and therefore deserved to be funded by the EU?