

**Question for written answer E-002600/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Fight against the consequences of the posting of workers within the EU

The system of posting of workers within the European Union allows some companies to increase their profits to the detriment of employees.

Common in the transport sector, this abuse has resulted in the loss of 20 000 driving jobs in France, where there are almost 500 000 posted workers.

This situation is costing the French social security system hundreds of millions of euros.

The press has revealed that Geodis, the 4th largest European transporter (10 000 vehicles, EUR 7 billion turnover) and owned by the SNCF (a French State-owned company), uses posted workers who are paid under EUR 300 per month and work up to 60 hours a week.

Because of their miserably low salaries, drivers are forced to sleep and eat in their vehicles and remain outside of their countries for more than two months at a time.

Does the Commission intend to encourage Member States to:

- put an end to the posted worker system in general?
- put an end to the posted worker system in the transport sector, in which mobility makes verification difficult and encourages fraudulent activity on a massive scale?
- improve and tighten anti-fraud controls whose insufficiency is leading to the closure of honest companies?