

**Question for written answer E-003593/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Regulation of domestic and care work

The domestic work and home care sector is economically important because it opens up the possibility of finding work for a high proportion of the workforce, but it is also one of the sectors in the EU in which workers are at greatest risk of exploitation. Despite its added value to society and the economy and its potential, domestic work continues to be financially undervalued, informal and unregulated. According to the International Labour Organisation, 29.9% of domestic workers are completely outside of the scope of national labour laws, and domestic and carers' work in the EU has to date been regulated only very rarely and is not regulated in the same way in Member States.

Will guidelines be laid down for Member States to regulate the labour market in these sectors?

Does the Commission plan to roll out a general framework for the professionalisation of domestic and care work?

Does the Commission plan, in any way, to encourage Member States to establish systems for the professionalisation, training and recognition of the qualifications of domestic and care workers in order to give them greater opportunities for personal and professional development?