

**Question for written answer E-008815/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Unfair competition in the road haulage sector

The Comité National Routier (National Road Haulage Committee), a French body linked to the Transport Ministry and responsible for observing and monitoring economic aspects of the road haulage market, published on 1 November a comparative study of the pay and working conditions of international haulage drivers in Europe.

This study found that, in the EU:

- annual employers' contributions vary between EUR 700 and EUR 16 000;
- the number of collective agreements per Member State varies between 0 and 54;
- 75% of the remuneration paid in the form of travel allowances is exempt from social security contributions and tax;
- the level of pay for the same hour of driving, in similar conditions, varies between EUR 8 and EUR 33.

For several Member States, this situation is not sustainable, leading to relocations and bankruptcies, particularly for Italian, Belgian and French-registered lorries which are unable to withstand the pressure of unfair competition from vehicles registered in other countries, particularly Poland, which has today captured 25% of the EU market.

Does the Commission propose to take measures to put an end to these distortions of competition?

Can it explain in what way the Union's policies have benefited the road haulage industry?