

**Question for written answer E-003288/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Repeal of Sunday holiday promoted by the SYRIZA-ANEL government, the EU and IMF.

The repeal of Sunday holiday, being prepared by the SYRIZA-ANEL government, as part of its general unpopular attack, in agreement with the EU, IMF, ECB and ESM, satisfying the long-term demands of business groups (department stores, supermarkets, commercial chains, etc.). The repeal of Sunday holiday will further increase the exploitation of workers in trades by extending flexible relationships and unpaid work, stretching life to its full extent, seven days a week, for the needs of capital and profitability. At the same time, this measure is to facilitate monopolies to grow their market share at the expense of thousands of small self-employed workers and small traders who will be driven to closing up shop and unemployment.

Given the EU agreement with the SYRIZA-ANEL government on repealing the Sunday holiday, as they are jointly shaping the new unpopular measures, will the Commission say:

1. Is the completely deregulated trading hours, working 24/7, for as many hours or days the employer wishes, part of the EU's 'best practice'?
2. Is the blow against maternity, and the new burdens on female traders and small artisans and merchants, as a result of repealing the Sunday holiday, an implementation of the EU's reactive strategy on the 'harmonisation of family and professional career for women'?