

**Question for written answer E-003396/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Modern-day slavery on the EU territory

According to a Guardian report<sup>1</sup> shining a spotlight on modern-day slavery in the EU, the public in Romania, Italy and elsewhere have been deeply shocked in recent months about the exploitation of Romanian women farm workers in Ragusa, Sicily..

For years now, in Italy, Spain and other countries in the EU, citizens from Eastern European countries work illegally on the black labour market, in conditions similar to slavery. We are facing an extremely grave human rights violations on EU territory. We should treat this as a wake-up call. We cannot allow the shameful practice of slavery to exist at the heart of Europe.

Given the abovementioned, does the Commission intend to take steps to put a stop to slave labour in the Member States and, if so, what form will such steps take?

Does it intend to make use of its own powers in this matter, and to call on Member State governments to take appropriate monitoring and enforcement measures, with a view to ridding Europe of the shameful practice of slave labour?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.theguardian.com/global-development/2017/mar/12/slavery-sicily-farming-raped-beaten-exploited-romanian-women>