

**Question for written answer E-003948/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Local authority contract workers being made redundant

15 000 local authority contract workers hired by the Central Staff Recruitment Board in Greece are facing redundancy. A Court of Auditors decision has found that the extensions of their contracts were unlawful, and they are even being asked to return salaries received during the period after their contracts had been renewed.

The deadlock in which they now find themselves is due to the freezing of the recruitment of permanent staff in the municipalities and regions in the context of the 'Memoranda' that the SYRIZA-ANEL government and its predecessors have drawn up with the Commission, the ECB and the IMF, and by their long-term policy of running down the structures and services of the municipalities in order to privatise them, thereby meeting the requirements of corporate interests.

These workers, who meet the vital needs of municipalities, are mobilising and demanding permanent and stable work with full employment and insurance rights in opposition to the EU's guidelines for permanent 'mobility', flexibility and employability of the workforce from one branch to another, and from one country to another, depending on the needs of the monopolies.

Will the Commission say:

- How does it view the fact that, on the basis of the EU's guidelines for mobility and job 'roaming' and the decisions of successive Greek governments, thousands of local authority contract workers are being dismissed, while their services are being cut back so that they can be ceded to corporate interests?