

**Question for written answer E-004176/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Social aspects of the Aviation Strategy

On 19 June 2017, Transport Commissioner Bulc informed the European Parliament's Committee on Transport and Tourism that the Commission would address the social aspects of an Aviation Strategy for Europe in late 2017 or early 2018, as set out in point 2.4 of the Commission Communication of 7 December 2015 (COM(2015) 598) which the European Parliament considered in its report on the Aviation Strategy (2016/2062(INI)), adopted by a large majority on 16 February 2017.

There is a pressing need for regulation in the European aviation sector, as more and more airlines make use of bogus self-employment, forum shopping, precarious forms of employment and circumvention of the existing rules. This is an industry which, owing to inadequate regulation, is engaged in a race to the bottom, with a significant amount of harmful competition on parameters such as poor pay and conditions, which expose regular airlines to unfair competition.

That being so, can the Commission please answer the following:

What does it really mean when the Commission says it will address the social aspects of aviation?

Can we expect proposals from the Commission addressing the unfair competition and poor working conditions in the aviation sector?

Does the Commission propose to put forward concrete new legislation or amendments to existing legislation in this area.