

**Question for written answer E-004873/2017  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Maids: female workers exploited in a thriving sector

Tourism is a strategic economic sector for the EU. This is not just because of its major contribution to GDP, its growth rates and the number of jobs associated with it, but also because of its indirect and induced effect on other sectors of the economy.

The sector is also a good example of the abusive dynamics that result from policies that prioritise macroeconomic figures to the detriment of social factors. Much of the hotel industry's profits are achieved by making working conditions insecure. It is a thriving sector with deteriorating employment conditions (mainly for women) such as maids, who work in a precarious and exploitative context of outsourcing, seasonal/temporary work, gradual reduction of wages, longer working days, workplace accidents and breaches of sector conventions.

Economic recovery and the growth of the tourism sector in particular will be jeopardised if quality, sustainability and social responsibility objectives, among others, are not met. Competitiveness cannot be achieved through precariousness.

- 1 How could the Commission correct this trend?
- 2 Has it considered introducing a mechanism to link the type of establishment to working condition parameters?