

**Question for written answer E-005228/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Posted workers: a EUR 400 000 research project funded by the Commission; no useable contact details

'There is widespread recognition among unions and researchers, now also recognized by the Dutch presidency of the Council of the European Union that worker protection regulation for posted workers in the European Union is seriously inadequate. Problems include an epidemic of wage theft, the growth of a grey economy of labour intermediaries, violations of trade union rights, and social security fraud.'¹

The research project on abuses of the posted workers system, entitled 'Protecting Mobility through Improving Labour Rights Enforcement in Europe'², was awarded a grant of EUR 389 481 by the Commission on 1 February 2017.

- Why were the MEPs working on the revision of the Posted Workers Directive not informed about this research project, even though the revision of the directive is underway and the project is supposed to improve information sharing between stakeholders?
- Why will the Commission not provide an email address for the director of the project which received the grant, but only a useless, anonymous postal address³?

¹ Protecting Mobility through Improving Labour Rights Enforcement in Europe 389 481.57 VP/2016/006/0008
<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=632&langId=en>.

² <http://ec.europa.eu/social/BlobServlet?docId=16997&langId=en>.

³ Idem.

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