

**Question for written answer E-005465/2017  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Subsidising freelancers' insurance contributions

According to the Greek Prime Minister's statements, the SYRIZA-ANEL government is planning to subsidise freelancer insurance contributions, as a 'reward' to employers who used disguised employment practices for years at the expense of workers' rights.

Besides government and EU policies against the Greek people, and workers in general, freelancers are also burdened with social insurance contributions, even though they are not entitled to any right, such as benefits, paid leave, sick leave or maternity/paternity leave, and may be dismissed at any time without notice or compensation.

In the name of protecting them from the chaotic labour market created by both the current SYRIZA-ANEL and previous governments, business groups receive another provocative aid that releases them from their obligation to pay insurance contributions if they choose to change a freelance contract into an employment contract.

What is the Commission's opinion on the fact that employer payments are passed from employers to taxpayers and employees themselves –who supposedly benefit– when insurance funds are collapsing due to employers' and the State's actions, and the constantly increasing tax burden on working classes is never ending?