

**Question for written answer E-000214/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Commission happy to let Ryanair practise social dumping

Ryanair has suffered a series of strikes which have disrupted its services. On 28 September 2018 alone, 30 000 passengers had their flights cancelled¹. Ryanair employees want their employment contracts to be governed by the law of the country in which they are based, and not by Irish law. Ryanair's management claims that using Irish contracts for all the company's 14 500 employees is crucial to keeping costs down and to the prompt redeployment of staff. Above all, however, this practice enables Ryanair to avoid paying social contributions for which it would be liable.

Modern technology makes it easy to calculate and record periods of time worked in a given country, even for members of the crew of planes or ships landing or docking in Europe.

On 28 May 2015, Ms Bulc, the European Commissioner for Transport, stated that workers should always be covered by the most advantageous applicable rule. Why, then, will the Commission not force companies to pay social contributions on a pro rata basis in the countries where their employees actually work?

¹ https://www.rtbf.be/info/economie/detail_ryanair-annonce-l-annulation-de-190-vols-en-raison-de-la-greve-de-vendredi?id=10028501