

**Question for written answer E-002248/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Allocation of EU funds to companies with poor labour practices

In an earlier written question (E-001300/2019) on attacks on workers' rights as a result of liberalisation in the telecommunications sector, I had cited the example of the multinational Altice and its practices of attacking rights enshrined in collective bargaining and seeking to dismiss thousands of workers so as to exploit more intensely those who remain.

In its reply, the Commission confirmed that Altice had received funding from the European Social Fund (EUR 448,858.54) and the European Regional Development Fund (EUR 9,560, 628.13), totalling more than EUR 10 million.

In this way, the European Union continues to channel significant amounts of public resources to private companies engaged in labour practices that are damaging and deplorable.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

Is it prepared to review the criteria for allocating EU budgetary resources so as to prevent companies, such as Altice, that engage in poor labour practices, promote job insecurity (including but not limited to subcontracting), attack the rights of their employees enshrined in collective bargaining and reduce wages being 'rewarded' by allocating to them public resources from the Structural and Investment Funds or other funds?