Question for written answer P-004264/2018 to the Commission Rule 130 Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: Infringement proceedings against Ryanair

More and more protests are being held by Ryanair staff to get the company to improve working conditions and social protection for all its employees.

One of their key requests is that workers should be subject to the labour laws of the country where they carry out the most work, and not the labour laws of Ireland, where the company's head office is based.

In response to repeated calls for EU-level action, Commissioner Thyssen replied on 8 August on behalf of President Juncker, pointing out the provisions of the Rome I Regulation on the law applicable to contractual obligations – in particular its reference to a person's 'usual place of work'. She also drew attention to the ECJ judgment of 14 September 2017 in response to a request for a preliminary ruling by the Mons Court of Appeal, in which it ruled that workers have the right to defend themselves at the most local level.

Given the scale of the protests and Ryanair's apparent total lack of willingness to engage in social dialogue, is the Commission planning to launch infraction proceedings against the airline for violation of the legal provisions cited above?