

**Question for written answer E-005527/2012
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Violation of trade union rights in Montenegro

There have been serious violations regarding trade union rights in Montenegro. A newly founded trade union for radio and television journalists uncovered certain cases of corruption. After presenting the findings of these investigations to the judicial authorities and to the public, the trade unionists involved were dismissed by the board of Radio and Television Montenegro.

The president of the trade union, Radomir Pajović, was dismissed on 23 May 2012 by the Director-General, Rade Vojvodić, following a disciplinary procedure, without any proof of guilt.

Instead of facilitating its work for radio and television, the board decided to take drastic measures against the new trade union and has seriously hindered its everyday activities. The trade union is currently filing an official complaint to the government of Montenegro.

1. Is the Commission aware of the incidents mentioned above?
2. If so, has there been a full investigation?
3. What were the findings of this investigation?
4. What steps have been taken to stop such actions which violate the basic principles of European law and the European Charter of Fundamental Rights?
5. What action is planned for the future to guarantee fundamental human rights to the citizens of Montenegro?
6. Will the Commission include the findings in future drafts of the progress report on Montenegro, the European Neighbourhood Instrument and the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA II) before submitting them to the European Parliament?