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to the Commission**

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Subject: Fight against all forms of illegal labour exploitation

The authors of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights report 'Severe labour exploitation: workers moving within or into the European Union' conclude that severe labour exploitation is widespread in a number of industries, and that the perpetrators are at little risk of prosecution or of having to compensate victims.

Victims of labour exploitation are often EU nationals who make use of their right to free movement. Lack of guarantees that their access to labour markets, and their working conditions, will meet common standards may undermine basic principles of the Union, deteriorate its image in countries that serve as donors of this labour force, and even promote eurosceptical attitudes in some Member States. Importantly, the TFEU requires the EU to promote social progress and improve the living and working conditions of the peoples of Europe.

1. What measures will the Commission take to tackle all forms of illegal labour exploitation, especially as concerns the right of free movement of workers?
2. Does the Commission have any plans to encourage the Member States to accept minimal social standards and minimal working conditions (to supplement the Directive 2003/88/EC concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time)?