

**Question for written answer E-001855/2018  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Exclusion of 9.8 million public sector workers from information and consultation rights

According to a press release<sup>1</sup> from the European Federation of Public Service Unions (EPSU), employers and trade unions representing civil servants in the EU Member States reached an agreement in 2015 for the right to information and consultation for the 9.8 million public sector workers to be included in EU law, and the legal vacuum in the set of directives regarding this right to be closed<sup>2</sup>. However, despite its initial positive reaction, and without explaining the reasons why, the Commission has dismissed the agreement of the social partners and refuses to bring it to the Council for discussion. The Commission's refusal violates Articles 151-153 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, Article 27 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, as well as the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights, only four months after its proclamation, which expressly stipulate the right of workers to information and consultation in a non-discriminatory manner.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. What are the reasons for its dismissal of the agreement of social partners in public administration regarding the right to information and consultation?
2. What does it intend to do to stop the exclusion of these workers from the minimum European common labour rights?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.epsu.org/article/eu-commissioners-deny-98-million-workers-eu-legal-minimum-standards-info-consultation>

<sup>2</sup> Mainly Directive 2002/14/EC and Directive 75/129/EEC on collective redundancies