

**Question for written answer E-002016/2018**  
**to the Council**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Forced labour and human trafficking in Europe

Trafficking in human beings with the purpose of using them as a cheap labour force in Europe is becoming rampant, according to the conclusions of the 2017 report of the Council of Europe's Group of Experts on Action against Trafficking in Human Beings (GRETA). In my opinion, forced labour is unacceptable.

1. What measures will the Council take, subsequent to the GRETA report, to further combat trafficking people as a cheap labour force in the European Union?
2. Does the Council agree that the victims of forced labour in the EU should receive better protection?
3. How does the Council see the European Labour Inspectorate's role in combating forced labour?