Question for written answer E-001939/2019
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Abuse of fixed-term contracts

On the basis of the framework agreement on fixed-term work in the EU and the case-law of the European Court of Justice on abusive cases of successive fixed-term contracts and demands for these contracts to be converted into permanent contracts, provision has been made for minimum protection measures for workers so as to prevent their situation becoming more precarious. In case C-331/17 the Court notes that ‘if the national courts were to find that there is no other effective measure in the national legislation to prevent and penalise abuses in respect of staff ..., they would still be obliged to interpret the national law, so far as possible, in such a way as to penalise that abuse in a due manner and nullify the consequences of the breach of EU law’.

In Greece, this case-law is not being implemented and workers are not being sufficiently protected.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1) What actions does the EU take in the event of flagrant violations of EU law regarding the protection of workers?

2) What corrective measures does the Commission propose in this connection?

3) What steps will it take to protect teachers, for instance, from practices which are undoubtedly abusive, as it can be readily demonstrated that they meet fixed and permanent needs since they are dismissed from and re-appointed to the same posts which they thus occupy for consecutive periods of more than six (6) months?