

**Question for written answer E-002528/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Further restrictions on the right to strike announced by the Government

The incoming New Democracy government is not only enforcing a law adopted by Syriza imposing inadmissible restrictions on the right to strike, but has also announced further retrograde amendments to trade union law, including the electronic registration of workers, trade union members and activists and electronic voting on strike action, with a view to undermining live collective trade union processes.

Trade union freedoms, including the right to strike, are already being targeted in a number of Member States, in line with anti-grassroots policies that the EU and national governments are seeking to implement unhindered with a view to safeguarding business interests. In response to a previous question, the Commission pointed to more restrictive laws on strike action in other Member States as a justification for the adoption of similar measures in Greece.

This is reflected in a recent court judgment ruling illegal and inadmissible the justifiable strike action by 'Vlachos Bros' workers that led to the reinstatement of a dismissed fellow member. Such action was also ruled illegal in the case of Sidenor workers seeking to negotiate an acceptable collective agreement.

In the light of this:

1. What view does the Commission take of the planned changes to trade union law?
2. What view does it take of this concerted action to erode and undermine the right to strike?