

**Question for written answer E-003099/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission rejection of a social partners' agreement on civil servants

In December 2015, the European Union Social Dialogue Committee for Central Government Administrations adopted an agreement setting out minimum standards on the rights of workers and their representatives to be informed and consulted on changes at the workplace. This agreement between social partners covered 9.8 million workers and civil servants and was fully consistent with the European Pillar of Social Rights, which reaffirms that all workers deserve information and consultation rights at the workplace, as well as the importance of social dialogue, including at EU level. The Commission itself, in a 2013 fitness check of the EU directives on information and consultation, invited the social partners to deal with the exclusion of public administrations.

In line with Article 155(2) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU), the social partners asked the Commission in February 2016 to transform their agreement into a directive for adoption in the Council to ensure an effective application across the European Union. But in March 2018 the Commission refused to follow up.

Could the Commission explain in detail on what grounds it rejected this proposal?

Could it explain what initiative it will take to guarantee that information and consultation rights for civil servants will be implemented?