

**Question for written answer E-003459/2019
to the Commission**

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Subject: The European Labour Authority

On 16 October 2019 it was announced that the European Labour Authority was starting its work. As the outgoing Commission President stated, it 'is the cornerstone in our work to make EU labour rules fair, effective and enforceable'. He continued: 'The Authority will provide workers and employers with better access to information on their rights and obligations and will support national labour authorities in their cross-border activities.'¹

In the light of the above, will the Commission say:

By what specific measures, backed up by which sanctions, will the Authority monitor compliance with legislation on labour rights?

1. How will it assist the national authorities in combating the violations of workers' rights within Member States as part of cooperation with the competent inspection bodies?
2. What actions does the new Authority intend to take to facilitate - but also ensure fair conditions for - the mobility of young workers in particular, as announced by Commissioner Thyssen, with a view to reducing youth unemployment, especially in Member States with high rates²?

¹ https://ec.europa.eu/greece/news/20191016_1__el

² <https://tinyurl.com/ra6w4x7>