

Question for written answer E-004034/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: Exploitation of tomato pickers in southern Italy

Thousands of migrants are exploited in southern Italy as tomato pickers. They have to work in deplorable conditions, live in little shacks which are of poor quality, and earn ridiculously little. Last year the UN Special Rapporteur on slavery said that some 400 000 people were at risk of being exploited in agriculture in Italy. On 25 June 2019, the FRA published a report, 'Protecting migrant workers from exploitation in the EU: workers' perspectives', containing revelations about various forms of exploitation in the EU.

1. What practical action does the Commission intend to take to stop exploitation in the tomato industry in southern Italy as quickly as possible?
2. The FRA report of 25 June 2019 proposes thirteen practical actions to tackle forms of exploitation in the EU. Has the Commission taken note of this report and the actions proposed by the FRA?
3. Which actions recommended in the above report has the Commission already taken and which does it intend to implement in future?