

**Question for written answer E-004200/2019
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Undocumented and exploited agricultural workers in Almería

Legal and undocumented workers continue to work in large-scale agricultural production in the southern Spanish region of Almería. It is acknowledged that north and sub-Saharan Africans predominantly populate this workforce.

While this exploitation is widely known by Spanish authorities and the Commission, reports of slave labour conditions – unpaid wages, mental and/or physical abuse or the threat of abuse, dangerous working conditions and trafficking – are still extensively reported. Most commonly, slavery affects people and communities who are vulnerable to being taken advantage of.

In light of the Commission's response to E-002144/2016 and the protracted circumstances in Almería:

1. Which specific measures has the Commission initiated to monitor Spain's progress in correctly implementing Directive 2011/36/EU on preventing and combating trafficking in human beings?
2. How much funding has the Commission allocated in support of anti-trafficking initiatives and projects in Almería?
3. Which specific producer groups are implicated in these cases of exploitation?