

**Question for written answer E-000356/2020  
to the Commission**  
Rule 138  
**Clare Daly** (GUE/NGL)

**Subject:** Inclusion of public service pensioners in industrial relations frameworks

At present there is no formal mechanism in the Republic of Ireland to include recipients of public service pensions within the industrial relations framework. Consequently, decisions can be made affecting the pensions of retired public servants in which they have no negotiating rights.

The Alliance of Retired Public Servants (ARPS), a group of 21 pensioner organisations representing about 140 000 retired public servants in Ireland, is seeking to ensure that Irish public service pensioners have a right, pursuant to inter alia Articles 5 and 13 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights, to direct input in the terms and conditions of their pensions, and to have that right recognised by the Irish Government. The ARPS further asserts that other EU Member States operate systems of collective bargaining and negotiations which afford public sector retirees more equitable input in decisions that affect them.

Can the Commission please comment on whether it envisions taking any action during its mandate with a view to harmonising the collective bargaining rights of public sector retirees across the EU or making it obligatory for Member States to include retired public servants with pension rights in their industrial relations frameworks?