

**Question for written answer E-001369/2020  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Generalised attack on the rights of employees in the telecommunications, IT and digital systems sector

Business conglomerates, including in the ICT sector, are launching a coordinated and generalised attack on employee rights. This is an employment landscape dominated by dismissals, voluntary redundancies, flexible working relationships, outsourcing, on-call work, teleworking, job rotation, payment of time actually worked, longer working hours, unpaid overtime, work on demand, the intensification of work and the recruitment of interns to fill established posts. In fact, according to an EU study, 65% of children starting school today will work entirely in new forms of employment.

Within the so-called single digital market, the EU estimates that monopolies' profits will amount to EUR 1.25 trillion in 2025. And the 'innovation jobs created by the 5 Structural and Investment Funds' will not only fail to safeguard employment rights but crush the last remaining such rights.

Will the Commission say:

1. How can it explain the fact that the application of the latest scientific and technological breakthroughs to production is not accompanied by less, better paid work and a dramatic improvement in conditions at the workplace, but that precisely the opposite is occurring and seems set to continue in future?
2. How does it view workers' demands for full-time, stable employment with well-established employments rights and collective bargaining agreements that safeguard wages and rights that satisfy their real needs?