

**Question for written answer E-002032/2020
to the Commission**
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Subject: Seasonal workers

The issue of the status and shortage of seasonal workers is affecting many European countries. While German agriculture is facing a shortage of nearly 90 000 seasonal workers due to measures introduced to combat the COVID-19 pandemic, the Croatian tourism sector is facing problems relating to the seasonal employment of tourism workers. Employers in the hospitality sector had signed employment contracts with a large number of seasonal workers, but due to the current situation, the hiring process was stopped. There are currently approximately 10 000 such workers. Although these workers do not currently have an established employment relationship, they were counting on employment. Many people are facing this situation, without social security and concrete benefits, and the question is how long these people will be able to wait for employment.

In light of the foregoing:

Is the Commission planning an aid package for the Member States that would also include specific measures to assist seasonal workers?