Question for written answer E-007046/2020 to the Commission Rule 138 Anna Zalewska (ECR)

Subject: Employees of digital platforms

Digitisation has become one of the most important themes in the debate on structural change in the economy, in our societies and, in particular, in the world of work. The rapid changes brought about by digital technologies are a source of opportunities, but also risks. These include people employed by various electronic platforms. It is therefore absolutely essential to regulate their formal and legal situation.

The current rules do not cover this issue at all or only partially cover this type of employment, which leads to discrimination against workers in this sector. It is particularly important to set out a clear European framework in order to clearly define the existence of such an employment relationship, the obligations of both parties, the rules for recording and paying for work, and the way in which length of service, both for professional and insurance purposes, is calculated.

A separate problem is that it is necessary to regulate insurance rules and obligations for such employees in respect of the accumulation of funds and the acquisition of pension rights.

New EU rules should also require platforms to provide national public authorities with the data necessary to enforce the rules and ensure that businesses operating in this sector pay their fair share of taxes.

- 1. What legislative action does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the basic employment rights of people working on digital platforms and other such transnational entities are respected?
- 2. What form of new regulations does the Commission envisage in order to make the practice of undeclared work illegal?