

**Question for written answer E-002542/2021  
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject:     Respect for the rights of workers at DPD

Online ordering has exploded in the last year, with delivery of parcels often the only way possible to acquire goods. DPD, the second biggest parcels delivery firm, is present in 23 EU countries. The firm makes massive use of subcontracting and uses scanners to force its delivery staff to work at what is an impossible pace. It does not abide by laws in force: no breaks and no paid overtime, parcels weighing twice the legal amount. These practices drag down working practices throughout the sector as other firms adapt to remain competitive, at the workers' expense.

1. Following the adoption by Parliament on 10 March 2021 of the resolution on corporate due diligence and corporate accountability (2020/2129(INL)), does the Commission plan to take action here itself so that subcontracting can be regulated and to ensure labour laws are respected?
2. Does the Commission plan to introduce regulations to tackle this unfair competition achieved at the workers' expense?
3. Does it have plans to legislate on the way firms use scanners to control their workers, which poses a real danger to the health and fundamental rights of delivery staff?