

**Question for written answer E-002380/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Better protection of cross-border and seasonal workers is still urgently needed

Two years ago, the European Parliament adopted a resolution on protecting cross-border and seasonal workers, and the Commission presented Guidelines (C(2020)4813) to ensure the protection of seasonal workers in the EU in the context of the coronavirus pandemic.

In many Member States, however, EU labour migrants are still being exploited by employers and are constantly working under precarious conditions, despite the current labour market shortages.

1. Has the Commission been monitoring to what extent the Guidelines on tackling undeclared work and abusive temporary agency work, as well as on ensuring proper remuneration, strengthening labour inspections, providing decent housing and enforcing health and safety rules, among others, have been implemented in the Member States?
2. Where does the Commission still see room for improvement, while taking into account the start-up phase of the European Labour Authority, and what steps will the Commission take next to promote the protection of cross-border and seasonal workers in Europe?
3. Is the Commission looking to improve the Temporary Agency Work Directive in this regard, and is it willing to promote Germany's example of banning sub-contracting in the meat industry, thereby making employers responsible for taking care of their workers through decent employment contracts?