

**Question for written answer E-002872/2022
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Mass layoffs at the 'Malamatina' winery

Over the past four weeks, workers at the 'Malamatina' winery in Thessaloniki have been striking in support of their demand for a collective agreement.

They are also seeking the immediate reinstatement of 15 fellow workers who were unfairly dismissed and are protesting at the introduction of individual contracts, cuts in pay and benefits and other changes that are undermining their interests in a bid to boost company profits.

This industrial action has effectively foiled employers' efforts at strikebreaking by making use of 'hostage' workers employed on fixed-term contracts to replace those laid off.

In the light of this:

1. Can the Commission say what view it takes of efforts by the Malamatina winery owners to lay off workers employed under contracts effectively protecting their collective rights and workplace entitlements and replace them with workers employed under flexible individual contracts at sweatshop rates in accordance with the Hatzidakis legislation introduced by the ND government, in line with the retrograde 'European Pillar of Social Rights' and the repressive provisions of Directives 2003/88/EC and (EU)2019/1158?
2. What does it think of the fact that EU legislation has been invoked by both the current ND and the previous SYRIZA government and employers to dismantle collective agreements, increase unpaid working hours, abolish Sunday holidays and undermine union effectiveness, together with the right of workers to strike?