

**Question for written answer E-003470/2022  
to the Commission**

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**Subject:** Follow-up question on social security contributions of seasonal workers in agriculture and horticulture

By way of follow-up to a parliamentary question (E-001217/2020), would you provide an update on ongoing issues.

In agriculture and horticulture, much use is made of seasonal workers from other EU Member States as temporary workers.

Many such workers work for less than three months in Belgium, but work the rest of the year in their country of origin and keep that as their country of residence. Under EU legislation, work carried out and social security contributions must therefore be declared in the home country.

For many family-run agricultural and horticultural holdings, it is not administratively feasible to declare work done by seasonal workers and wages paid to them in their home country. Such holdings do not have a personnel department, have no knowledge of the languages in which declarations are made, do not have professional service providers available, and employ workers from various Member States. Moreover, accredited payroll and social security administration schemes are not authorised to take on these tasks.

1. Does the Commission acknowledge this problem?
2. Does the Commission know whether the rules on social security contributions for seasonal workers are correctly applied in all EU Member States?
3. What measures will the Commission take to simplify procedures for declaring work done by and wages paid to seasonal workers in order to facilitate free movement in the internal market and minimise the administrative burden?