

**Question for written answer E-002623/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission efforts to improve the situation of the unpaid truck drivers in Gräfenhausen

Truck drivers employed by the company Mazur spent six weeks across March and April 2023 on strike in Gräfenhausen after going unpaid for months. Just a few months later, more than 100 truck drivers working for the same company are on strike again. The majority of the workers have not received their salary for months. While trade unions and civil society in the region have shown their support for the workers, neither Mazur nor its contracting companies have come forward yet to act on their responsibility and find solutions for the workers. Such illegal and exploitative practices shed a particularly bad light on the EU labour market for non-EU nationals at a time of labour shortages.

In the light of these developments:

1. Does the Commission intend to contribute to the process of finding a solution to end the deplorable situation of the truck drivers in Gräfenhausen?
2. Would it support setting up a round table to bring together all the stakeholders, including the companies along the supply chain that have contractual relations with Mazur, in order to solve the issue as quickly as possible?
3. What does it intend to do to stop the exploitation of non-EU nationals in the EU labour market?

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