

**Question for written answer E-000302/2024  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Protecting intra-EU migrant workers employed by temporary employment agencies in the Netherlands

Concerns have been raised about the plight of foreign workers in the Netherlands<sup>1</sup>. Many are citizens of other EU Member States employed by temporary employment agencies.

One cause of concern is the 'agency clause': a contractual arrangement between the temporary employment agency and the employee that means the employee's posting to a user company can be ended at any time. In practice, this makes it possible for people to be sacked on the spot. There are also restrictions on the registration of these workers, for whom the temporary employment agencies often arrange accommodation in camps or hostels. Many local authorities only allow these people to sign up to a register for non-residents, which is designed for short stays or exceptional situations. This makes it difficult for them to pay state pension contributions and reduces medical coverage.

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission take the view that the regulation of workers employed by temporary employment agencies might result in indirect discrimination in the Netherlands?
2. Does the Commission consider the restrictions on the ordinary registration of EU workers in the Netherlands to be consistent with the principle of free movement?
3. What steps is the Commission intending to take to address these problems for intra-EU workers in the Netherlands?

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.dutchnews.nl/2023/11/nl-must-treat-eu-workers-well-or-face-the-consequences/>