

ORAL QUESTION H-0194/09  
for Question Time at the part-session in April 2009  
pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure  
by Jan Cremers  
to the Commission

Subject: Definition of 'self-employed'

In response to questions posed by MEP Jan Cremers (E-0019/09) with regard to the need to define and implement the concept of what constitutes a genuinely self-employed person within the EU, the Commission replied that it is not considering proposing a definition of self-employment or specific indicators for employment relationships at European level.

How does this relate to the definitions formulated in the Commission's proposal COM(2008)0650 with regard to 'mobile workers'? Is the Commission aware that there are various definitions already in place in certain Member States that go further than the one proposed by the Commission, whilst at the same time there is a total lack of regulation in other Member States? Would it therefore not be advisable and necessary to adopt a general and clearcut definition of what constitutes a self-employed person before proposing sector-specific measures?

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