

WRITTEN QUESTION P-0870/04
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to the Commission

Subject: Work permits for workers contracted out in Italy

An Austrian firm contracts out workers, the majority of whom are from Austria or the other current Member States of the EU, to companies in the EU, including some in the South Tyrol. The authorities in the South Tyrol have pointed out on numerous occasions that workers from Austria and the rest of the EU require work permits. This decision is impeding the activities of the firm concerned.

1. Is it possible that work permits are required in Italy on the basis of existing transitional arrangements, for example?
2. Or are the Italian authorities in breach of the law by impeding the activities of the Austrian firm?