

WRITTEN QUESTION P-5009/06  
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to the Commission

Subject: Directive on working time

European citizens and workers are constantly calling for a more social Europe that will more effectively protect the health and safety of workers. Does the Commission not consider that maintaining the individual opt-out rule, i.e. the possibility of not applying the 48-hour working time limit, runs contrary to the aspirations of European citizens as regards social protection and leisure time?