

**Priority question for written answer P-002520/2021  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Statistics and information contained in the Directive on adequate minimum wages

On 28 October 2020, the Commission published a proposal for a Directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on adequate minimum wages in the European Union. The document indicates that there was no consensus among the social partners to start negotiations on possible actions to address the challenges of adequately protecting minimum wages in the EU. On the other hand, the proposed Directive imposes a number of new obligations on Member States to monitor and collect data, and to submit them in annual reports to the Commission. In Article 10 of the aforementioned Directive, the Commission requires Member States to provide statistical data and information disaggregated by sex, age group, disability, business size and sector.

The amount and detail of the data to be provided will place a significant burden on Member States and jeopardise their ability to collect such information. Could the Commission please answer the following questions:

1. During the preparatory work on the Directive, did the Commission consult Eurostat on the provision of statistical data and information disaggregated by gender, age group, disability, business size and sector?
2. How did Eurostat view the implementation of such extensive data monitoring and reporting on an annual basis?
3. Why did the Commission choose the above criteria?