

**Question for written answer E-002009/2026
to the Commission**
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Subject: Living conditions of seasonal farm workers and public health protection in the EU

Recent confirmed cases of tuberculosis among farm workers from non-EU countries in West Achaea and Ilia in Greece prompted the health authorities to intervene, triggered epidemiological surveillance and brought to the fore serious concerns about the conditions faced by seasonal workers in terms of housing, hygiene and access to healthcare. Similar cases have been recorded in other Member States, notably in Italy and Spain, suggesting that this is a Europe-wide issue.

The Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union enshrines human dignity, health protection and safe working conditions (Articles 1, 31 and 35). Directive 2014/36/EU, in particular Articles 5, 20 and 23, provides for decent housing conditions and the equal treatment of seasonal workers. In addition, Directive 89/391/EEC and the European Pillar of Social Rights provide for a high level of health protection and safety for workers.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. Does it have comparative data on the living conditions of seasonal farm workers in the Member States?
2. How does it assess the application of Directive 2014/36/EU to agricultural production sectors linked to common agricultural policy funding?
3. Does it intend to look into reinforced oversight mechanisms for the protection of public health and workers' fundamental rights?

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