

**Question for written answer E-003363/2026
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: The Council of State's decision not to reinstate 13th and 14th salaries based on EU law

The decision of the Council of State Plenary to reject public sector workers' legitimate demands for the reinstatement of the 13th and 14th salaries is unacceptable.

It confirms that the so-called 'rule of law' and the 'fundamental rights' touted by the EU are nothing more than a 'fig leaf' for a frontal attack on labour/ordinary people's rights.

In the light of Directive (EU) 2022/2041 on the so-called 'decent standard of living', can the Commission answer the following:

1. Where does it stand on the fact that the adequate minimum wage directive ultimately defines 'adequacy' in terms of corporate profitability, trampling over workers' labour rights?
2. Where does it stand on the fact that EU 'rule of law' exists only to safeguard the interests of monopolies, rejecting workers' claims for meaningful wage and pension increases and for measures to support people's needs as a whole?
3. Where does it stand on the fact that the fiscal resilience invoked by the government is determined on the basis of the European Semester, the country-specific recommendations, the Euro Plus Pact and the revised Stability Pact, among other EU 'tools', which, on the one hand, channel large sums of money towards corporate groups and the war economy, while, on the other are used as 'caps' on people's needs?

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