

**Question for written answer E-005452/2014/rev.1  
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Safeguarding the employment levels of armed security guards and those working in the trust services (porters, caretakers and guards)

The serious crisis taking place in Italy and Europe is affecting numerous sectors, such as the armed security and trust services sector (porters, caretakers and guards), in which thousands of jobs a month are being lost.

Over the last few years, there have been continuous changes in the various forms of collective bargaining in these sectors, which have resulted in an impoverishment of the role of these workers and a reduction in the hourly cost of the services provided, despite the delicate tasks and functions they are required to perform.

However, this sector is a strategic one, in terms of both supporting the police in general, due to the prevention work they carry out, and of protecting public safety.

Can the Commission therefore answer the following questions:

1. How can employment levels in these sectors be safeguarded?
2. Are there any best practices in the EU in the armed security and trust services sectors?
3. Can it give an overview of the situation?