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Greens/EFA call for adoption of the platform workers directive

Platform Workers Rights

This afternoon, MEPs will debate the need to overcome the Council deadlock on the platform workers directive. It is estimated that at least 4 million people working through digital labour platforms are misclassified as self-employed instead of employees, allowing platforms to evade labour, tax and social security legislation that apply to employees. The vote in Coreper was not successful due to France voting against the directive and the abstention of Germany, Greece and Estonia.

Kim van Sparrentak, Greens/EFA MEP and shadow rapporteur on the file, comments:

"It seems that the millions of euros spent by lobbies have paid off. Macron and the German liberals apparently consider that the profits of big platform companies like Uber and Deliveroo are more important than improving working conditions for the most precarious workers.

"Most of these allegedly self-employed workers don't make minimum wage and face higher health risks. Their employer is an app, which means they are managed by an algorithm.

"We call on all Member States to swiftly adopt this directive. Corporate profits cannot come before decent working conditions for everyone in the EU. "

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