

**Question for written answer E-016003/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Professional equality between men and women

Professional equality between men and women is an issue that is lying increasingly at the heart of the social and political concerns of the European Union. This matter of fairness and social advancement presents a challenge that the Union simply has to meet if further genuine progress is to be made. Each and every one of its citizens must have the same professional opportunities, in terms of careers or salaries for example. There therefore needs to be a European-wide push for promoting professional equality, in order to achieve ever-greater social justice.

1. What measures and large-scale initiatives does the Commission intend to take in order to bring about a real reduction in instances of professional inequality, especially within companies in the European Union where blatant inequalities have long existed in terms of pay and employment?
2. How does the Commission intend to publicise these major social issues in order to raise the awareness of the Union's citizens and encourage companies to take decisive action, on a daily basis and through concrete initiatives, in favour of professional equality?