

**Question for written answer E-015097/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Measures to assist struggling sectors of the economy

According to Eurostat, in September 2015 the unemployment rate stood at 9.5%. The European Union cannot afford to be complacent over such figures. It must take practical steps to prioritise the fight against unemployment and launch training schemes to allow the unemployed rapidly to find jobs in the more promising sectors of the economy. Many employers have great trouble in finding qualified staff in their professional environment. Faced with this pool of unfilled jobs, a European training scheme tailored to the professional experience of each worker and geared to those sectors with high employability should enable the unemployed, including the long-term unemployed, to find sustainable jobs.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. How will it identify job sectors which struggle to fill vacancies so that training can be directed accordingly, thereby reducing unemployment in the European Union?
2. How will it raise the funds needed to strengthen and create mechanisms to help the unemployed, including the long-term unemployed, acquire appropriate training and find sustainable jobs again?