

**Question for written answer E-013942/2015  
to the Commission  
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**Subject:** Promoting family employment and facilitating the procedures involved in hiring domestic workers

Unpaid domestic work constitutes a large share of the total work performed by EU citizens; in France alone it amounts to 60 billion hours per year and 33 % of GDP. Domestic work is primarily done by women, who complete almost 70 % of domestic and family duties (Eurostat), and is one of the key reasons for women's career breaks, lower participation in employment and labour market inactivity (Commission). Moreover, the Commission predicts that by 2025 more than 20 % of Europeans will be 65 or over, which will drastically boost the need for professionalised care for the elderly. Family employment is a powerful solution that offers families and women the opportunity for a better work-life balance and high-quality care services, as well as contributing to job creation. However, primarily because of administrative obstacles, family employment remains underused and partly unprofessionalised, and is largely concentrated in undeclared work.

1. How does the Commission plan to promote family employment and to facilitate and simplify the procedures involved in hiring domestic workers?
2. How does the Commission intend to enhance the professionalisation and formalisation of the skills involved in domestic employment in order to increase the quality and security of the services offered to families employing domestic workers?