

**Question for written answer E-015070/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Creating quality jobs in order to reduce long-term unemployment

Due to the economic crisis and its effects, long-term unemployment has doubled since 2007 and now accounts for half of total unemployment. Currently, 12 million people – or 5% of the EU's active population – are long-term unemployed. In 2014, more than 60% of the long-term unemployed had been unemployed for over two years.

1. The Commission's proposal concerning the Council's recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed into the labour market is welcome, but does the Commission feel it necessary to consider how it can support specific job training programmes, business development plans and investment plans which would lead to the creation of sustainable, quality jobs for the long-term unemployed?
2. What specific quality job creation measures could the Commission propose with a view to reducing long-term unemployment?