

**Question for written answer E-015626/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Flexible working in the Annual Growth Analysis 2016

The OECD study 'How's Life? 2015, Measuring Well-being', which measures well-being in societies, showed that Portugal is amongst the group of countries suffering the worst social consequences of the financial crisis. The study gives as an example the fact that cases of working time of 50 or more hours per week have doubled between 2009 and 2013. As everyone knows, this is due to the establishment of the individual time bank, one of the requirements of the Memorandum of Understanding with the Troika (EU and IMF).

In the European Semester 2016 process recently launched with the Annual Growth Analysis documents, the Commission is continuing to bet on the same strategy it never ceases to repeat – i.e. that flexibility and security on the job market must be ensured simultaneously. Experience shows that security is never applied, unlike flexibility, which means increased exploitation of workers.

I therefore ask the Commission:

- What are its views on the findings of the above-mentioned study?
- Does it think the organisation of working time should be reconfigured to the effect that daily and weekly working hours are increased?