Question for written answer E-015069/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Vilija Blinkevičiūtė (S&D)

Subject: The need to earmark more EU funding to the fight against child poverty in Europe

Around 26 million children in the EU are at risk of poverty and social exclusion. On 24 November 2015, a resolution was adopted by Parliament urging a more active approach to the problem of child poverty, which is being exacerbated by the economic crisis.

In its resolution, Parliament urges the Commission to create a Child Guarantee under which every child in poverty could obtain free healthcare, childcare, education, decent accommodation and appropriate nutrition services.

Does the Commission not feel that additional financing is vital if we are truly going to reduce child poverty in Europe? Does the Commission not feel that it would be best to redeploy funding and allocate special funding to such a long-term measure as the Child Guarantee as part of a review of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) in the years to come? If not, why not?

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