

**Question for written answer E-001354/2013
to the Commission
Rule 117
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Subject: Discrimination against older people in the job market

Employing people over the age of 55 remains a serious problem in the EU, particularly as a result of the economic crisis which Europe is undergoing. The most recent Eurobarometer survey shows that, for over half of Europeans (54%), being aged 55 or more is a disadvantage when looking for a job. Some 45% of Europeans believe that discrimination on grounds of age exists in their country. However, there are considerable discrepancies between the Member States: the countries where the largest number of people surveyed say that discrimination because of age exists are Hungary (75%), the Czech Republic (68%), Slovakia (66%) and the other new Member States, whilst Ireland (19%), Luxembourg and Denmark (32%) have the smallest number of people surveyed who consider that discrimination on grounds of age exists in their countries.

What steps is the Commission taking or intending to take to ensure that those countries where discrimination on grounds of age is most widespread create conditions which are more favourable to employing older people?