

**Question for written answer E-001345/2014
to the Commission
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Subject: European emigration

According to the Commission, the number of registered unemployed people in the European Union has begun to stagnate. In making this kind of observation, are the departments of the Commission taking account of the very large number of young people who are often highly qualified but are unable to find work in their home countries and who therefore choose to emigrate to North and South America, Asia, Australia, and even Africa?

Can the Commission quantify the number of Europeans who have chosen to emigrate to other parts of the world? In particular, what are the figures for countries such as Spain, Portugal, Greece and Ireland?

Is it possible to conduct an assessment of 'emigration of Europeans to outside of the European Union' and 'immigration to the European Union by third-country nationals' since the start of the crisis in 2007/2008?