

**Question for written answer E-008065/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Healthy ageing in Portugal

According to available data (Pordata), 20 % of Portugal's population is aged 65 or over, making it the EU country with the fourth largest percentage of older people (18 %) and the seventh largest percentage of older persons living alone below the poverty line (23.6 %). This stems from the fact that 77.9 % of recipients of the social security old-age pension get less than the national minimum wage (SMN).

The portrait of Portugal, in 37th place in the table of the 'most age-friendly' countries, shows that, in terms of income, older people in Portugal have suffered pension cuts of between 3.5 % and 40 %, depriving them of €628 million per year. Unemployment has risen, while the revision of the rent regulations and the cuts in travel passes have increased the cost of living.

I should therefore like to ask the Commission:

1. What are the results and concrete applications of the October 2010 initiative 'Reflections on healthy ageing'?
2. What are the concrete measures and action planned and the amounts involved in the field of healthy and dignified ageing for 2015?