

**Question for written answer E-011009/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Minimum income in the European Union

The promotion of dignity, freedom, autonomy and equal opportunities for all, are fundamental values of the Union under Articles 2 and 3 of the TEU and the European Union Charter of Rights. Poverty and social exclusion undermine the basis of respect for these values and threaten the model of development and social cohesion in the Union. In 2013 a quarter of the population in the EU was living with the risk of poverty and social exclusion.

In Resolution 2010/2039, the Parliament documented the conditions of poverty and social exclusion in Europe and the political reasons for concrete intervention, especially in the current environment of persistent crisis. In consideration of the efficacy of national experiences of the guaranteed minimum income and inadequate action or lack of action in various Member States, the Parliament asked the Commission to prepare an action plan for a minimum income in Member States.

The Juncker Commission has announced a political focus on the implementation of plans and mechanisms to combat poverty.

Can the Commission answer the following questions:

- Does it intend to follow up on the requests in the above-mentioned Resolution, and if so how?
- Does it consider it appropriate to draft a directive on minimum income according to the criteria indicated, based on paragraph 1(c) (d) (h) and paragraph 2 (b) Article 153 of the TFEU?