

**Question for written answer E-011098/2014  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Labour reform in Spain and recommendations by the Commission and the ECB

The Commission has warned that Spain is 'vulnerable' to sudden changes in investors' confidence. In its second report on monitoring of the bank bailout, the Commission criticises delays in implementing new labour reforms and the new law on liberalising professional services.

In its economic forecasts the Commission has set unemployment rates for Spain of 24·8% for 2014, 23·5% for 2015 and 22·2% for 2016, provided that the path of reform continues to be followed.

1. Does the Commission consider that the labour market liberalisation measures are having a positive effect on the creation of jobs in Spain?
2. Will the Commission change its preference for fiscal consolidation in view of the need for a growth plan to stimulate the EU economy?
3. What are the Commission's recommendations for improving the rate of unemployment in Spain?