

**Question for written answer E-001097/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Risk of child poverty in Spain

In its reply to my question E-005939/2014, the Commission stated that it shared my concern about rising levels of poverty and social exclusion and that this was reflected in the 'comprehensive policy guidance' provided 'in the 2013 Social Investment Package and its Recommendation on investing in children'.

However, report after report – the latest one by Amnesty International – has made it clear that the efforts of the EU and of the Member States are by all accounts far from sufficient, with a country such as mine, Spain, now having the second-highest number of children at risk of poverty in the EU – around three million. What is more, Spain is now going to be investigated by the Human Rights Council.

1. In the face of this terrible situation, does the Commission take the view that sufficient results are being obtained from the fact that it is 'working closely' with the Spanish authorities 'to ensure that the European Social Fund promotes social and labour market inclusion as well as employment opportunities'?
2. How is the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived helping 'in tackling material deprivation among children', and what else can or must be done to prevent situations such as that described above?