

**Question for written answer E-001099/2015  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Minimum wage in Spain

In its answer to Written Question E-007076/2014, the Commission stated that 'setting minimum wages at appropriate levels can help prevent growing in-work poverty. Wage floors also need to be sufficiently adjustable, to reflect overall economic developments.'

For the Council of Europe, however, the Spanish minimum wage, which was frozen in 2012 and 2014 (something that had never previously been done), does not ensure a decent standard of living, thus breaching Article 4 of the European Social Charter.

1. In the light of the Council of Europe's report, what steps does the Commission intend to take to guarantee compliance with Article 4 of the European Social Charter, i.e. that wages are sufficient to ensure a decent standard of living?
2. Could the Commission state whether, on the contrary, it maintains that the main thing is that wages should be 'sufficiently adjustable'?