

**Question for written answer E-001357/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Statistical analyses of unemployment figures

Currently in Croatia, and certainly in other EU Member States, the rate of unemployment is being measured as a percentage representing the registered rate of unemployment. This does not reveal the full data on the state of economic trends. In recession-stricken Croatia this is leading to a paradox: while economic trends have been deteriorating for many years, a fall in unemployment has been recorded. This can either be attributed to the removal of people from the register, or to emigration – i.e. brain drain – among young people. In this regard, data on the number of those in registered employment under all available legal forms of employment are relevant. However, unlike data on the number of unemployed, these data are not publicly available. This fact presents a problem, for instance for local and regional authorities which need unhindered and public access to the absolute and relative numbers of employed people in order to manage their own development administration.

1. Are there problems regarding public access to information on the number of those in registered employment under all available legal forms of employment in other Member States?
2. Are there regulations that provide for public access to information on the number of those in registered employment under all available legal forms of employment?
3. What will the Commission do to make this data transparent – i.e., publicly accessible – in order to improve administration of development by those who are responsible at local and regional levels?