

**Question for written answer E-002234/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Combating undeclared work

Undeclared work impacts heavily at several levels, affecting budgets but also welfare and competition.

Although it is difficult to put a figure on undeclared work, studies suggest it accounts for between 7 % and 16 % of Europe's GDP. Yet in many cases, working undeclared is an unwilling choice, a result of the economic crisis and austerity policies.

The Commission has asked Parliament to back the establishment of a platform to combat undeclared work. In the meanwhile:

1. What actions will the Commission take, for the time being, to discourage employers from resorting to undeclared work through lack of choice or resources?
2. How does the Commission plan to persuade the public in the EU who have been hit hard by the economic crisis and unemployment not to take on undeclared work?