

**Question for written answer E-002657/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Commission programme on immigration

Speaking in Strasbourg in December 2014, Commission Vice-President Timmermans proudly announced the development of a 'balanced European agenda on migration', adding: 'Citizens expect us to improve the management of migration into Europe while keeping it an attractive destination for talent.'

The announcement came none too soon. However, we have little confidence in the Commission's ability to get a grip on this issue. Our fellow citizens have now had enough of mass, non-selective immigration from outside Europe putting our social and economic model under pressure.

In its work programme for 2015, the Commission states that it 'is developing a European Agenda on Migration, which will balance a fairer and responsible approach to legal migration, in order to make the EU an attractive destination for talent and skills, with firm measures against irregular migration'.

We would be very grateful if the Commission could clarify the statement made to Parliament on 16 December 2014: is EU immigration policy really geared to selective immigration?

The Commission mentions 'talent' and 'skills'. What policy model is being pursued here?