

**Question for written answer E-004700/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: The long-term unemployed active population

In the EU there are a total of 12 million long-term unemployed, i.e. people who have been unemployed for over a year, while in Croatia such persons constitute as much as half of all the unemployed. Long-term unemployment most often affects people with primary or secondary education, and to stay unemployed for an extended period of time in many cases also means the loss of necessary knowledge and skills. The long-term unemployed also often experience the problem of motivation, which may occur for any number of personal, but also for socio-economic, reasons. The duration of unemployment of an individual is proportional to the cost i.e. burden on the overall budget, which means that faster employment is a priority in such cases.

1. What is the strategy for dealing with long-term unemployment at EU level?
2. What measures has the European Commission adopted in order to address the aforementioned problems?