

**Question for written answer E-004824/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Selection of projects for the development of reasonable accommodation and sheltered workshops

The unemployment rate among disabled workers in Europe stands today at 18.3 %, i.e. virtually twice the unemployment rate for people without disabilities, which is 9.9 %.

The principal difficulty comes from the broad range of disabilities and the major differences in how they are perceived socially within Member States.

The creation and development of social accommodation and sheltered workshops, often subsidised and supported by States, are encouraged, but the selection of these projects remains a problem. Indeed, the basis for comparison used to assess these projects is the cost/benefit ratio. Yet these types of projects are rarely profitable as they require a lot of investment and the results are sometimes delayed and impossible to assess in quantitative terms. This is why few projects supporting social accommodation and sheltered workshops ever materialise.

1. Is the Commission fully aware of the unsuitability of the selection methods used for assessing these projects?
2. Does the Commission propose suggesting any other, more suitable selection criteria to enable a project to be selected effectively?