

Question for written answer E-005022/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Economic austerity policies and their effects on EU unemployment

In May 2012 there were 4 960 000 job seekers across all categories in France. By February 2015, the figure stood at a record 5 918 000.

After five years of austerity policies, unemployment in Greece has risen from 9% in 2009 to over 26% in December 2014 (51.2% among the 15 - 24 age group).

Backed by the European Commission, the French and Greek governments are following policies of economic austerity. These lead to higher unemployment and leave the peoples of Europe worse off.

Does the Commission admit that the policies of economic austerity in question, in France, Greece, and Europe-wide are ineffective, because they increase unemployment and poverty?

What new lines of approach does it intend to adopt in economic policies, so that they lead to job creation and truly work in the interest of the peoples of Europe?