

**Question for written answer E-006103/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Situation of families in Europe

'When families are strong, America is strong' was Hillary Clinton's first campaign message as a candidate for the Democratic primaries in the USA.

In theory I share the idea that a society is stronger when its families are stronger. I am also mindful of the alarming number of EU households which currently have no income of any kind, and of the suffering which this brings.

What programmes of family support does the Commission currently have, within the scope of its powers?

When it revises its recommendations to Member States during the European semester, is it considering the inclusion of family support plans as a fundamental element?