

**Question for written answer E-006847/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Social Europe

When he took office, President Juncker emphasised the importance of the social dimension of European integration. He said he wanted 'the EU to equip itself with a social triple-A rating'.

The Commission should not regard social issues as secondary. They should be treated with the same importance as economic and budgetary issues. For instance, we need a European policy on wage costs. We must also protect social rights on a European level.

However, despite highlighting the need for emphasis on the social element, the Commission has yet to put this into practice.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to carry out in order to give effect to these declarations about a social Europe?
2. How does the Commission intend to consolidate the notion of a social Europe while respecting the differences and disparities between welfare state models within the EU?