

**Question for written answer E-007986/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Economic recovery and household incomes

The Commission has just reported the favourable economic conditions that, according to it, give a glimpse of the start of the economic recovery.

Its figures are as follows: in 2015, the EU and the euro area should see their real GDP grow by 1.8 % and 1.5 %, respectively, representing gains of 0.1 and 0.2 percentage points on forecasts from three months ago. For 2016, the Commission is forecasting 2.1 % growth for the EU and 1.9 % for the euro area.

Nevertheless, it seems as if that is still not translating to a perceptible increase in household incomes, yet they have paid a heavy price for austerity policies.

Knowing that kick-starting consumption will also translate to job creation, what initiatives is the Commission considering to make the shoots of economic recovery all have an impact on household incomes?