Question for written answer E-008921/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Hugues Bayet (S&D) and Maria Arena (S&D)

Subject: Economic recovery and employment

The Commission recently reported favourable economic conditions which it considers signal the start of economic recovery.

The Commission's figures are as follows: the Union and the euro area should see real GDP rise by 1.8% and 1.5% respectively in 2015, which is 0.1 and 0.2 of a percentage point higher than the forecasts released three months ago. For 2016, the Commission predicts growth of 2.1% for the Union and 1.9% for the euro area.

However, it would appear that this growth will have little impact on job creation and unemployment, although European citizens should be the first to benefit from any economic recovery given the swathing social cuts made under the austerity measures.

What initiatives does the Commission intend to take to ensure that any nascent recovery impacts as quickly as possible on job creation?

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