

**Question for written answer E-008990/2015  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Impact on employment in Europe of moving towards a circular economy

Establishing a circular economy is one of the objectives under the Europe 2020 strategy for employment, growth and a reduction in pollution. A circular economy is presented as a necessary solution to employment, growth and pollution problems which, at the same time, would change the way in which our societies produce goods and how pollution is combated and jobs are created.

However, the information provided as to the sectors, types of employment and socioprofessional categories which would benefit from it remains very vague. Nor is there much information on the cost to businesses of moving towards a circular economy.

1. Can the Commission therefore say whether an impact assessment has been conducted on the financial, social and environmental cost to business of such a change? If there has been such an assessment, what is the outcome?
2. Can the Commission prove that the jobs created will be additional jobs and not simply transformed jobs?
3. Can the Commission guarantee that this move will be genuinely beneficial - regardless of the sectors, types of jobs and socioprofessional categories affected - at all circular economy levels?