

**Question for written answer E-009806/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Combating tax evasion

In its latest report, Caritas Europa highlights the problems of unemployment, social exclusion and poverty in the European Union.

In half of the Union's 28 Member States, at least one child in three is living in poverty.

Although drastic measures have been taken to tackle the crisis – I am thinking in particular of austerity policies – little has been done to combat tax evasion.

In fact, according to European Commission figures, more than EUR 1 000 billion is leaving Europe for tax havens.

Austerity measures have failed to resolve the crisis and have led to an increase in social problems.

1. Does the Commission think that a more active fight against tax fraud might enable us to deal with this crisis?
2. Should the first priority be to set up an authority responsible for mapping all cases of tax avoidance in Europe and addressing problematic situations?