

**Question for written answer E-010681/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU-wide pool of qualified migrants

Without migration, the EU's working-age population will decline by 17.5 million within the next decade. By 2050, there will be only two retirees per active citizen, down from four to one today. According to the Commission's agenda on migration, the EU would like to see a debate on the establishment of a system inviting employers to identify priority applicants from a pool of migrant candidate workers.

Currently, the EU Blue Card, modelled on the US Green Card and adopted in 2009, does not create a right of admission since it is demand driven, i.e. based on a work contract. Its period of validity is between one and four years, with the possibility of renewal. The migrant is required to possess a recognised diploma, three years' professional experience and to earn 1.5 times the Member States' annual average gross salary.

In view of the expressed need to create a new model for legal migration, will the Commission answer the following questions:

How does it intend to reform the EU Blue Card Directive in order to establish an EU-wide pool of qualified migrants?

Under the new system, what will be the selection procedure?