

**Question for written answer E-010751/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Labour market flexibility and social inequality

In a report on the causes and effects of inequality published on Monday, 15 June 2015, IMF economists established that labour market flexibility goes hand in hand with increasing inequality and an increase in wealth for the richest 10% in society. They also noted that income inequality has an adverse effect on economic growth.

We can conclude, on the basis of this, therefore, that policies seeking to increase labour market flexibility are ineffective and harm economic growth.

Why is the Commission pursuing a policy that seeks to increase labour market flexibility when it has an adverse impact on economic growth, and flexibility policies have contributed to an increase in inequality?