

**Question for written answer E-011162/2015
to the Council**
Rule 130
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Subject: The Luxembourg Presidency and the place of poverty in the Europe 2020 Strategy

We all know the disastrous poverty figures in Europe. At a time when the consequences of the 2008 economic and financial crisis and the austerity policy are still being felt, it is clearly imperative to redesign the 'poverty' component of the Europe 2020 Strategy if we wish to have any hope of attaining the targets we have set ourselves.

However, the Luxembourg Presidency's programme includes only two lines on this 'readjustment'.

Given the human scale of the problem, could the Luxembourg Presidency be a little more precise on the initiatives it intends to take to fight against poverty?