

**Question for written answer E-011871/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States

Parliament's legislative resolution of 8 July 2015 on the proposal for a Council decision on guidelines for the employment policies of the Member States highlights a number of advantages – reductions to the administrative burden on small and medium-sized enterprises, for example.

The report does not, however, contain any new ideas for tackling the EU's high unemployment rates, in particular youth unemployment, and instead only discusses existing measures. The document also highlights Member States' obligation to guarantee gender equality, which involves ensuring that men and women receive equal pay in all sectors of the labour market.

Given that the policies currently in place to tackle unemployment, especially youth unemployment, have achieved all they can, is the Commission devising new measures to lower unemployment and create jobs?

How will the Commission ensure that Member States meet their obligation to guarantee equal pay for men and women?