

**Question for written answer E-012769/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Proposal by European Commissioner to adjust welfare

According to Günther Oettinger, Commissioner for the digital economy and society, it is necessary to avoid encouraging any further increase in the influx of migrants by 'adjusting' their benefits so as to make them less of an 'incentive' (Le Figaro, 14 September 2015).

1. Does this recommendation by Commissioner Oettinger reflect the views of the Commission as a whole?
2. What specific migrant benefit 'adjustments' does the Commission consider necessary with a view to making economic migration a less 'attractive' proposition?
3. Does it agree with the former French President Nicolas Sarkozy that duly documented foreign nationals should only become eligible for family or housing benefits in Europe after an initial period of five years?