

**Question for written answer E-013054/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Follow-up question to E-007904/15

With regard to the Commission's answer to the question E-007904/15, when referring to nominal wage increases, above real productivity but below nominal productivity, the loss of competitiveness can be blamed on profits, which are growing in value and in terms of how they contribute to the distribution of income.

This second aspect corresponds to the situation that developed in Spain and Greece, where prices and profits were allowed to grow beyond the level of wages as a result of strong demand fed by foreign borrowing and a demanding labour supply owing to increasing migration.

With this in mind, I must ask: in which of the Member States have 'nominal' wages increased above 'nominal' productivity, thereby pushing up prices and reducing company profits?