

**Question for written answer E-015060/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Austerity and child poverty

Child poverty indicators are currently flashing red, with more than one child in four in the EU now at risk of poverty. This situation is, of course, unacceptable and is made all more so by studies showing that Member State education systems breed inequality. As Parliament stressed in its resolution of 24 November 2015, a multi-dimensional approach needs to be taken to this problem.

At the same time, however, thought needs to be given to the part played by austerity policies, which make it more difficult to find public funding for policies specifically designed to alleviate poverty and social exclusion.

How does the Commission propose to ensure that everyone involved in combating child poverty has the resources they require in order to address this vital issue, which goes to the heart of our humanity?