

**Question for written answer E-015873/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Human cost of forced mobility

As a direct result of the free movement of persons and workers in the EU, the countries with the highest unemployment rates are progressively losing the skilled workers they trained. These brains go to work in other EU countries, which employ them and help them settle down. In this way, some of the more 'powerful' Member States seeking labour are creating an unprecedented vacuum in other Member States, which are being drained of their lifeblood.

Is the Commission aware that, from a human perspective, this forced mobility to another country – often very far away from the country of origin – creates social difficulties and uproots people, which is neither acceptable nor beneficial?

Is the Commission aware that the EU is slowly entrenching the current employment situation in each of the Member States – leaving some with permanently high unemployment rates, others with permanently low employment rates? The current situation, which is sapping the poorest countries of their most capable citizens, is creating a brain drain.