Question for written answer E-001041/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Viorica Dăncilă (S&D)

Subject: Child poverty

According to leading specialist studies, children born into poverty have less chance of success at school, so they achieve poorer qualifications, leading to worse-paid jobs and perpetuating this material deprivation for several generations.

Poverty also causes home-related issues: there are more conflicts between family members and any bill needing to be paid is another problem. As a result, such families may move more often, which makes the process of children adapting and fitting in at school more difficult.

The current economic crisis is pushing even more families below the poverty line, which has a negative impact on children's intellectual development, and hence a long-term impact on future generations.

What strategy does the Commission envisage for working with the Member States to develop new concepts aimed at minimising the impact of poverty and better protecting children?

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