

**Question for written answer E-002509/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Creation of assisted jobs for migrants

Parliament's Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL) recently consulted with experts to discuss ways of integrating refugees into the European labour market.

Because work is the best driver of integration, one of the solutions put forward in the course of this hearing was the introduction of assisted jobs for migrants with a guaranteed minimum wage.

Unemployment currently stands at almost 10 % in Europe, of which 5.1 % are long-term unemployed (seeking work for more than three years). Growth has also been noted in the number of people taking themselves off job seekers lists after years of searching for work unsuccessfully.

Is the Commission aware of the growing number of people in the European Union who are unemployed?

Is the Commission aware that offering assisted jobs to migrants could lead to a negative reaction from the long-term unemployed, who could understandably feel that migrants are being given priority?

What does the Commission intend to say to the unemployed who are justifiably going to ask why the Union is able to create hundreds of thousands of jobs for migrants but not for its own citizens?