

**Question for written answer E-004361/2016  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**Viorica Dăncilă (S&D)**

Subject: Women in rural areas

Many recent studies have shown there is a growing tendency for women to migrate from rural areas to urban ones in search of work. This is creating a labour imbalance in rural areas.

Given the circumstances, it is essential to improve the quality and accessibility of the infrastructure, facilities and services needed for everyday life. This should include on-farm childcare facilities (e.g. farm crèches), healthcare services, educational facilities, institutions and care for the elderly and other dependent persons, replacement services in the event of illness or pregnancy, local outlets for everyday goods, and leisure and cultural facilities.

Will the Commission focus more closely on the rural economy, so that women in rural areas can fulfil their potential as regards making multifunctional and sustainable farming a reality?