

Question for written answer E-004936/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: Activation measures for the long-term unemployed

The Slovak Republic received a Council recommendation last month which states that the country must significantly improve activation measures for the long-term unemployed. Among the factors it gives as reducing the quality of the measures, it lists poor individualised assistance, the low level of skills and persistent discrimination against those workers. The European Parliament and the Council are trying to use the tools available to improve the situation, such as adopting the Recommendation on the integration of the long-term unemployed.

1. What other methods and tools will the Commission use to boost skills and boost the employability of the long-term unemployed?
2. Is there a Commission opinion on the expected minimum quality of activation work for the unemployed or on the requirements that activation work should effectively fulfil?