

**Question for written answer E-008860/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: Digitalisation and poverty

The establishment sometimes tends towards political fiction when trying to anticipate major trends on the Member States' job markets. While digitisation of the economy is being portrayed as an opportunity for enterprises, it presents a number of challenges for employment in the future. As happens with every revolution, productivity should be increase, but there is a high risk that many jobs will be lost and that workers will need to retrain. In a fast-changing economy ('Uberisation', digitalisation and new types of labour relations), poverty is constantly on the increase. This has put the future of national welfare systems at risk and is seriously undermining the principle of social justice.

1. Does the Commission plan to bring forward a proposal for a universal basic income in Europe?
2. If so, how would this be funded? Would it be paid for entirely by the Member States?