Question for written answer E-009656/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Jiří Maštálka (GUE/NGL)

Subject: Impact of EU digitalisation on the job market

One of the current Commission's main priorities is the so-called digitalisation of the EU and the speeding up of automation using innovations in the field of applied digital technologies. The trend is not only bringing positive changes, however. An analysis by the Czech Government's department for EU strategies and trends has shown that digitalisation will be responsible for about one-third of lost jobs and just one-eighth of newly created jobs, and the ratio of jobs created to jobs lost in the context of the process of digitalisation is about 2:5. How will the Commission react to the destruction of masses of jobs and tackle the direct threat posed to whole professions by the process of digitalisation?

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