

**Question for written answer E-001414/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Work and robots - future challenges

According to a study conducted by researchers at Oxford University, Carl Benedikt Frey and Michael A. Osborne, over the next 20 years 47% of available jobs will be automated, i.e. done by robots. Another study, meanwhile, states that new technologies are able to automate 45% of the jobs which people are currently being paid to do.

Given that work is an important factor for the fulfilment of men and women and that the unemployment rate in recent years is hovering at around 10%, can the Commission say:

- whether it is aware of these studies;
- whether it intends to take any long-term action in the shape of policies to protect human labour?