

**Question for written answer E-002300/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Depopulation and ageing in Europe

Following on from my written question on progressive ageing and growing depopulation in a number of European regions ('Depopulation and ageing in Europe' – E-006532/2014), I am writing to request an update on the action that the Commission is taking.

Article 174 of the Treaty on European Union makes it an objective of cohesion policy to pay particular attention to regions suffering severe natural and demographic handicaps. This situation is linked to levels of unemployment and rising poverty which make it hard to talk about a real cohesion policy.

It seems necessary to take a leap forward in European cohesion by advancing towards a European agenda for demographic growth, with adequate resources to meet this huge challenge for the continent's sustainability and economic vitality and in order to preserve our social model and the EU's social and territorial cohesion.

1. Has the Commission adopted any different methods to tackle the problem? What avenues is it pursuing?
2. What funding does it intend to allocate towards correcting this situation?
3. Does it intend to promote an agenda along these lines?