

**Question for written answer E-005410/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Working conditions and precarious employment

The current economic and financial crisis has had a double effect on precarious employment, firstly by focusing attention on the issue, and secondly due to the problem of women in precarious work, which needs urgent action.

Recent studies show that the percentage of women in precarious work is substantial, and that some forms of precarious work are only performed by women,

Women are over-represented in precarious work, which is not only a significant cause of the pay gap between women and men, but also an obstacle to career prospects that would lead to better jobs and professional development.

Due to the acute lack of research on precarious work and in particular on women and precarious work, what measures does the Commission plan for the future for investment and encouraging research into precarious work and gender aspects?

Furthermore, has the Commission any plans to develop new strategies for precarious work with clear and practical guidelines and measures to integrate equal opportunities, and to reduce the number of precarious jobs performed by women under the umbrella of the Europe 2020 Strategy?