

**Question for written answer E-001907/2019  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Fighting the shadow economy

On 22 February 2019, France's employment advisory council published a report on the shadow economy, which claims that almost 2.5 million French people are involved in undeclared work, at least occasionally. This has undervalued gross domestic product by 12.6% and led to non-payment of social security contributions and taxes. Given that this is not an isolated case but exists to some degree across all Member States:

- Does the Commission have a recent estimate of the size of the shadow economy in the EU? What action is it taking to support Member States in combating undeclared work?