

ORAL QUESTION H-0883/02
for Question Time at the part-session in January 2003
pursuant to Rule 43 of the Rules of Procedure
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to the Commission

Subject: Dire situation of pension schemes to the advantage of multinationals and the private sector

The Commission's report on pension schemes highlights the problem of the funding and structure of the schemes but avoids going into the underlying causes of the particularly serious situation prevailing in some countries, such as Greece, and of who gains in this situation.

Will the Commission take different measures from those proposed hitherto to ensure a decent income for pensioners by levying employers rather than placing all the burden on employees (principally by increasing contributions and age limits and encouraging flexibility on the labour market)? What measures will it take to avoid the funds' reserves once again ending up in the hands of the multinationals and pensions being channelled into the private sector?

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