

**Question for written answer P-004839/2015  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject:     Need to curb unemployment in memorandum countries

The countries under a memorandum, such as Greece and Cyprus, have high rates of unemployment. This is caused by various factors such as:

- the extended economic crisis;
- the lack of new investments;
- mass redundancies of workers and ongoing closures of SMEs;
- the presence of thousands of European workers as a result of the free movement of workers.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

1. Does the need to help countries under a memorandum reduce their rates of unemployment not require the Commission to adopt certain policies in order to support those countries?
2. Is it not necessary, especially in countries under a memorandum, to be able to restrict the free movement of workers by refusing entry to European workers until such time as the affected countries get out of recession?