

**Question for written answer P-013162/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Pensions

According to the French National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE), there are 452 000 retired French citizens who work in addition to receiving their pensions in order to survive. The number of such working pensioners is rising in France and is expected to increase further when the next generations reach retirement age owing to the less favourable retirement conditions they will enjoy as a result of pressure on wages and very long-term unemployment.

Most retirees who have resumed a professional activity work part-time or as seasonal workers in trade or the craft industries.

Everything suggests that we are moving towards a decline in pensioners' standard of living and health and safety conditions for the elderly, as well as 'social dumping' practices that are supposed to benefit employers.

1. Could the Commission provide information measuring the impact of this bleak state of affairs in the European Union?
2. Given that the majority of pensioners who also work do so for economic reasons, will the Commission raise the issue of minimum EU pensions as a human right based on the Declaration of Human Rights and the Charter of Fundamental Rights?
3. The situation of countries under control of the Troika is even more catastrophic and pensions for the elderly which are clearly inadequate are often the only source of income for entire families. Do any solidarity mechanisms exist to help people in this predicament?