

**Question for written answer P-015850/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Inflation target of the European Central Bank

The European Central Bank is pursuing the target of achieving a rate of inflation of less – but only slightly less – than 2 %. However, this self-imposed target is disputed by experts. In light of sinking energy prices, weak economic development and demographic change, many economists now advocate a lower inflation target.

I would therefore like to ask the Commission:

1. What is the Commission's view of the European Central Bank's inflation target?
2. Is this target realistic in light of the current economic situation?
3. What are the Commission's inflation expectations for 2016, 2017 and 2018?