

WRITTEN QUESTION E-0223/04  
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to the Commission

Subject: Unemployment rate in Greece

According to the Greek Statistical Service, the rate of unemployment in Greece is 8.9%, corresponding to a total of 392 200 people, whereas figures published by the Greek Manpower Employment Organisation (OAED) on 19 January give the number of registered unemployed as 585 788 or 13.2% of the economically active population.

Can the Commission, in cooperation with the Greek Government, clarify the discrepancy between the figures produced by the OAED and those published by the Greek Statistical Service?