

**Question for written answer E-006115/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Record high unemployment

Labour migration from Central and Eastern Europe to the Netherlands is simply continuing at present. But in many cases, Central and Eastern Europeans come not to work but to commit crimes.

1. Is the Commission aware of the reports 'Werkloosheid naar hoogste niveau in 15 jaar' [Unemployment at its highest level in 15 years]<sup>1</sup> and 'Politie verdenkt Roemenen van 127 inbraken' [Police suspect Romanians of 127 burglaries]<sup>2</sup>?
2. Is the Commission aware that the unemployment figures in the Netherlands are actually distorted, the true situation being even worse than it appears?
3. Does the Commission agree with the PVV that both high unemployment and the criminal activities of Central and Eastern Europeans are reasons to close the Dutch labour market, particularly to people from Central and Eastern Europe? If not, why not?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.telegraaf.nl/overgeld/arbeid/12385915/\\_Werkloosheid\\_naar\\_hoogste\\_niveau\\_in\\_15\\_jaar\\_.html](http://www.telegraaf.nl/overgeld/arbeid/12385915/_Werkloosheid_naar_hoogste_niveau_in_15_jaar_.html).

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.telegraaf.nl/binnenland/12386083/\\_Mannen\\_pleegden\\_127\\_inbraken\\_.html](http://www.telegraaf.nl/binnenland/12386083/_Mannen_pleegden_127_inbraken_.html).