

**Question for written answer E-009925/2012  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: VAT increase for personal services

The personal services sector includes jobs relating to assisting people in their daily tasks. They may concern services for families, services relating to everyday life or services for vulnerable people who need assistance in their daily lives. In France, the personal services sector has a reduced rate of VAT which has strongly boosted job creation, making it the sector that is creating the highest number of jobs in the French economy.

According to the Federation of Services for Private Individuals, the Commission is about to demand that the full rate of VAT be applied to five types of service for private individuals in France, including those provided through intermediary companies and authorised representatives or agencies. The VAT increase would have serious consequences on the sustainability of the sector and would undermine the emergence of new businesses.

- Is the Commission indeed planning to require the application of VAT at the full rate for services for private individuals in France?