

**Question for written answer E-002755/2013
to the Commission**

Rule 117

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Subject: Labour market flexibility and security (flexicurity)

Given that the concept of flexicurity is a key element in the European employment strategy and that the integrated policy of balancing flexibility with security is thus a crucial factor in labour market modernisation and the achievement of the Europe 2020 employment targets:

1. does the Commission consider that the development of part-time employment in the Member States is proving useful against the background of economic crisis and that it will help to reduce levels of unemployment, particularly among young people in the Union; and
2. does it believe that flexicurity will become a tool for sustainable, integrated and smart growth in the context of the Europe 2020 strategy?
3. Are there good examples of developments along these lines and, if so, could the Commission please refer to them in its answer?