

**Question for written answer E-012044/2013
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Introduction of a minimum unemployment benefit in the European Union

During the discussions on the Commission's communication 'Towards Social Investment for Growth and Cohesion – including implementing the European Social Fund 2014-2020' (COM(2013)0083) which took place in April's plenary sitting, Parliament called on the Commission to explain in more detail how it would be possible to introduce a minimum unemployment benefit in the European Union.

Does the Commission not consider that a document on a minimum unemployment benefit throughout the European Union should be drawn up at EU level as a matter of urgency? If so, when does it plan to take such steps?