

**Question for written answer E-005425/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Structural reforms vs. investment

In its report on the European Semester for Economic Policy Coordination: employment and social aspects in the annual growth survey 2014 (2013/2158(INI)), the European Parliament points out that, 'while structural reforms may bear fruit in the medium to long term, the need to stimulate the EU's internal demand requires the Commission and Council to enhance investment in order to sustain growth and quality jobs in the short term and enhance potential in the medium term' (paragraph 6).

In view of this:

1. Does the Commission concur with Parliament regarding the importance of investment in policies to achieve growth? If so, what action will it take in response to Parliament's recommendations in the above report?
2. Why does it insist on prioritising the implementation of structural reforms and austerity policies, since it is now crystal clear that priority must be given to stepping up investment to achieve growth?
3. What changes, if any, does it intend to make to EU growth policy?