

**Question for written answer E-006912/2016**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Cooperation with the African Union - Likely flows of refugees

An article in the 15 September 2016 issue of the weekly newspaper 'Die Zeit' puts its finger on the problem, stating that the next big migration movement will come out of Africa, but that Europe is as clueless as it was a year ago when hundreds of thousands of Syrians triggered the refugee crisis. According to the United Nations' publication 'World Population Prospects' in 2015, Africa's population will more than double by 2050, rising from close to 1.2 billion now to about 2.5 billion. At the same time, sub-Saharan Africa is already one of the regions with the highest unemployment in the world. According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO), only half of all young people can find a job there and more than 60% do not have the training enabling them to work productively. According to a Gallup study, one third of all adults in sub-Saharan would like to emigrate.

1. Does the Commission share these misgivings, and is the EU adequately prepared today for fresh waves of refugees from Africa? If not, what ought to be done?
2. What is the Commission planning to do to counter increasing emigration by sub-Saharan Africa's young generation? Is an holistic approach being taken?