

**Question for written answer E-003401/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Precarious work in the EU

The European Institute for Gender Equality has published a research note entitled 'Gender, skills and precarious work in the EU', in which it analyses the position of people with low levels of qualifications in the EU and the major challenges faced. The 64 million people in the EU with low educational levels are more often unemployed or completely detached from the labour market. Only 42% of women with low qualifications are employed, and almost half of those are in precarious employment. In addition, across the EU over six million women and two million men without secondary education have never been employed. Some 14% of women and 5% of men with low qualifications have been out of the labour market for 10 years or more. European labour market forecasts indicate that in future the greatest need for highly-skilled labour will be in sectors where men predominate, e.g. in science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Those work opportunities are not available to people with low levels of education; women in particular are deprived.

1. What measures does the Commission intend to take under the European Pillar of Social Rights to effectively include people with low qualifications in the labour force, particularly women, who, according to the figures in the research note, find it even harder to obtain work with decent pay?
2. Does the Commission plan to introduce effective training and lifelong learning measures which also include the most vulnerable groups?