

Question for written answer E-002872/2019
to the Commission
Rule 138
Vilija Blinkevičiūtė (S&D)

Subject: Increasing numbers of working poor in the EU

A recent report published by SDG Watch Europe discloses alarming data showing that the numbers of working poor and the phenomenon of in-work poverty are on the rise in the EU despite improvements in the general economic climate. This means that having a job is no longer a guarantee of a decent life. As a result, the statistics on the number of people in employment do not necessarily indicate a reduction in the number of people facing poverty while being employed.

What are the reasons for the increasing numbers of working poor?

Does the Commission have any data on the situation in the EU and in the individual Member States?