

**Question for written answer E-002874/2019
to the Commission
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Subject: Increasing inequality in the EU

The EU and the Member States have pledged, by adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, to eliminate poverty by 2030. Integral to the success of the 2030 Agenda is the fight against inequality. However, the pace of progress has been slow so far, and the EU itself has acknowledged that even though in 2017 income inequality in the EU Member States declined for the first time since the financial crisis, inequalities in earnings are still too large with a continued concentration of wealth at the top.

Is the Commission aware of these extremely alarming trends in the EU, where wealth is increasingly concentrated among a small percentage of the population, while the general trends of poverty and income inequality continue to increase throughout the EU?

Does the Commission intend to take action and adopt policies to tackle increasing income and wealth inequality in the EU?