

**Question for written answer E-000122/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Decline in income

According to the latest Eurostat figures, low-income earners have lost between three and six times more than the highest wage earners in at least half of the EU's Member States.

At the same time, a handful of businesses and their owners have multiplied their profits in the midst of the pandemic.

Throughout the period considered, governments and the EU have continued to promote anti-popular measures and mechanisms which target the working class, with the aim of ratcheting up profits made by capital in any way possible.

Based on the figures from the previous period and bearing in mind that the pandemic has accelerated the onset of a deep capitalist crisis:

1. What is the Commission's view of the fact that the EU is once again offering huge sums to monopolies by ratifying the Recovery Fund and the new MFF 2021-2027, adding new anti-popular taxes and anti-labour measures for workers, which will lead to the same and worse consequences for the working population as in previous years?
2. What is the Commission's view of the call to: recoup losses; substantially increase wages, pensions and workers' income in general; abolish anti-popular measures that have increased direct and indirect taxation; support suspended workers, those made redundant and the unemployed; and finance public health systems and organise the mass recruitment of permanent medical and nursing staff?