

**Question for written answer E-002813/2021/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Combating child poverty

I recently voted in favour of the resolution establishing the European Children's Guarantee.

The justification for my vote is very simple: I will support any angle of 'attack' against the scourge of child poverty that still persists in 2021.

I therefore believe that no one is entitled to 'shirk' their duty to contribute towards the relentless fight against severe child poverty.

1. If we wish to reduce the number of poor people in Europe by 2030 – and we know that five million of them are children living below the extreme poverty line – should we not establish a social entitlement with a view to reducing this terrible affliction?
2. Is the Commission willing, at least at this stage, to begin discussions on this issue?