

**Question for written answer E-000432/2022
to the Commission**

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Subject: Reform of the contributions system for the self-employed in Spain

The Spanish government's plan to reform the social security system includes a very significant increase in contributions from 2031, especially for average earnings¹.

By way of example, self-employed workers earning EUR 2 330 a month will pay EUR 728, twice as much as under the current regime.

This implies a decrease in net earnings, which may discourage activity altogether. Given that the reform of the contributions system for the self-employed is one of the components of the Spanish recovery plan approved by the Commission, and having regard to Articles 145-148 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union on the competences of the EU to coordinate and promote high levels of employment within the EU:

1. Does the Commission believe that the proposed changes contribute to increasing the viability and competitiveness of self-employed workers in Spain and to improving their working conditions?
2. Will the Commission issue new recommendations on the self-employed social benefits framework in Spain that will result from the reform that has been announced?

¹ <https://www.vilaweb.cat/noticies/proposta-govern-espanyol-sistema-cotitzacio-autonomos/>