

**Question for written answer E-002015/2022
to the Commission**
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Subject: Towards a European minimum pension?

In 2020, 19.5% of people over the age of 65 were at risk of poverty or social exclusion in the European Union, with that percentage standing as high as 48% in some Member States. The minimum pension varies from one Member State to another. In Romania, the guaranteed minimum pension – on which roughly 1 million people are living – is around EUR 200. What is more, Romania, like other Member States, has an ageing population, and this trend is set to increase in the coming years owing to the low birth rate.

Given the inflationary economic situation, rising prices and uncertainties generated by the war in Ukraine, it is clear that this amount is not enough to guarantee a decent quality of life.

In view of this, can the Commission state:

1. What solutions it is contemplating to eliminate the risk of poverty and social exclusion among pensioners;
2. How it supports Member States that find it difficult to guarantee a minimum quality of life threshold for pensioners;
3. Whether consideration is being given to adopting European legislation along the lines of the directive of the European Parliament and of the Council on adequate minimum wages in the European Union, and whether one can envisage the idea of a European minimum pension?