

**Question for written answer E-001865/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Rise in child poverty

The European Child Guarantee is an important step in the fight against child poverty and social exclusion in Europe.

However, in its latest report, published on 8 June 2023, the Fundamental Rights Agency points out that the number of children living in poverty in the European Union has increased. Prior to 2020 child poverty was falling, but the trend was disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, with the share of children at risk of poverty or social exclusion rising from 22.8% in 2019 to 24% in 2020 and to 24.4% in 2021. The war in Ukraine and the resulting mass migration, particularly of women with children, rising energy prices and inflation also contributed to an increase in poverty.

1. Is the Commission aware of the growing problem of child poverty, and what steps does it intend to take to tackle it?
2. In its resolutions, Parliament has repeatedly called for increased financial support under the European Child Guarantee. Does the Commission intend to take this into account when it draws up the next budget?

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