

ORAL QUESTION H-0338/05

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pursuant to Rule 109 of the Rules of Procedure

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to the Commission

Subject:           Implementing the growth and employment strategy

With the aim of strengthening the Union's competitiveness and giving new impetus to the economy, the Commission has reformulated its strategy for more employment and growth. It has been repeatedly stressed that the individual Member States in particular must take more responsibility, in other words that they must make their contribution to the successful implementation of the strategy. Now Germany's SPD leader Franz Müntefering has sharply criticised the economy in his attack on capitalism.

How are such statements to be reconciled with the Lisbon Strategy? In the light of such statements, does the Commission still see the necessary readiness and political will to implement this strategy?

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