

**Question for written answer P-000332/2014
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU demographics

In Croatia 17% of the population are aged over 65. Official forecasts suggest that, in the not too distant future, the proportion of over-65s will be as high as 27%. A similar trend can be seen throughout the EU, as if Europe were turning into the Old World in the literal sense, a continent of over-65s.

This trend is making itself strongly felt – and will make itself felt even more strongly – in European welfare, pension, and social systems and on the European labour market as a whole.

1. How is the Commission dealing with the worrying trend described above? Are new public policies being planned with a view to tackling this problem effectively?
2. What means is the Commission currently bringing to bear on the problem, and what kind of results are being achieved?