

**Question for written answer P-004363/2014/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 117
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Subject: Situation of pension reform victims in Italy

The pension reform implemented in Italy by the Monti Government in December 2011, commonly known as the 'Fornero reform' has led to extreme difficulties for tens of thousands of retired workers, or 'esodati', as they are called in Italian, who, at the time of being made redundant, were close to qualifying for a pension and accepted severance packages intended to cover them until they were eligible to draw a pension proper. After these early retirees had stopped working, the pension qualifying requirements suddenly changed when the retirement age was raised; the retirees have consequently been left without income and been pushed below the threshold to be attained in order to draw a pension.

Can the Commission say how many people in Italy are now in this situation?

What steps has it taken, or will it take, to safeguard the dignity of these retired workers, which derives not least from Articles 15 and 34 of the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights and Article 153 of the TFEU?

Does it think that the European Social Fund could help to relieve their plight?