

**Priority question for written answer P-005374/2021
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: CPI increases in Spain

CPI increases, which reached 5.6% in November, are eroding households' purchasing power (inflation is already costing Spanish households EUR 9 000 million), while taxes are rising and are already 4.5% up on 2019.

Against the backdrop of the current crisis and soaring inflation rates, the Spanish Government is continuing to increase taxes while making no attempt to rationalise spending.

In view of this:

1. Can the Commission say what fiscal/economic measures the EU intends to take to help the families hardest hit by inflation?
2. Does it approve of tax increases at a moment when inflation is affecting all households, particularly the most vulnerable?
3. Does it consider that Member States should ease the tax burden in order to protect low-income households from the ravages of inflation?