

**Question for written answer E-000087/2025/rev.1
to the Commission**
Rule 144
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Subject: Citizens at risk of poverty or social exclusion

According to recent data from Eurostat¹, in 2023, 26 % of the Greek population was at risk of poverty or social exclusion, with similar trends observed in other Member States. Those figures raise serious question marks over the effectiveness, in the past decade, of European social inclusion and economic support policies. The EU's policies and strategy² are falling far short of their targets of reducing the number of those at risk of poverty or social exclusion.

In view of this:

1. Is the Commission satisfied with the policies and strategy implemented to tackle poverty and social exclusion?
2. Given that the previous strategies (see Europe 2020³) did not achieve their targets either, what measures does it intend to take to strengthen the connection between citizens and the EU and to promote social justice?

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¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20240612-1>

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/ftu/pdf/en/FTU_2.3.9.pdf

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/EN/legal-content/summary/europe-2020-the-european-union-strategy-for-growth-and-employment.html>