

Question for written answer E-005050/2025
to the Commission
Rule 144
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Subject: Mass unemployment in the EU and the EU Talent Pool: is the Commission orchestrating wage competition against European citizens?

According to Eurostat, 13.351 million people were unemployed in the EU in October 2025, including 2.96 million young people.¹

Eurostat figures also show that the EU issued 3.5 million first residence permits in 2024, of which 192 400 were issued to Indian citizens.²

On 10 December 2025, the Commission confirmed that it was setting up the EU Talent Pool, a future European skills-matching platform between employers and jobseekers from third countries³, with an EU office (the Gateway Office) in India designed to help applicants find legal employment in Europe⁴.

In view of the above, can the Commission answer the following questions:

1. How does it justify this strategy at a time when 13 million Europeans are unemployed, and what measures is it taking to mobilise the European workforce as a matter of priority?
2. Will it publish an impact assessment by sector/Member State on the risk of social dumping, since the arrival of workers from outside Europe will put downward pressure on the wages and working conditions of EU citizens?
3. What safeguards (checks, inspections, penalties) are being considered to prevent exploitation, fraud and the circumvention of social rules via this EU Talent Pool and Gateway Office?

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¹ <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-euro-indicators/w/3-02122025-bp>

² <https://ec.europa.eu/eurostat/web/products-eurostat-news/w/ddn-20250912-2?>

³ https://home-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies/migration-and-asylum/legal-migration-and-resettlement/work/eu-talent-pool_en

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https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/api/files/document/print/en/speech_25_3001/SPEECH_25_3001_EN.pdf