Question for written answer E-005054/2014 to the Commission Rule 117 Roberta Metsola (PPE)

Subject: Undeclared work

According to the latest Eurobarometer survey, 4 % of respondents admitted that they had performed undeclared work, with variations existing between different Member States. The highest rates were reported in Latvia, The Netherlands and Estonia (11 % in each), and the lowest in Malta (1 %), Ireland, Italy, Cyprus, Portugal and Germany (2 % in each).

While it is recognised that Member States define undeclared work differently, there is no doubt that the EU can help support them in their fight against this phenomenon. Can the Commission indicate whether it has undertaken any initiatives, such as awareness campaigns, in the past to help Member States fight undeclared work and point out its consequences to EU citizens? Furthermore, does the Commission offer any tools from which Member States can benefit in collaborating to fight undeclared work?

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