

**Question for written answer E-002687/2018
to the Commission**
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Subject: Poverty among elderly women

Eurostat data show that not only is poverty among elderly women a problem in all Member States, but also that the risk increases with age. 2015 data indicate that the average risk of poverty in the EU was 15.8 % for women over 65 and 17.8 % for women over 75, and that in some Member States, e.g. Slovenia, the figures are even more worrying.

What initiatives is the Commission working on to reduce the risk of poverty in this vulnerable group?

Has the Commission prepared, or does it intend to prepare, recommendations for Member States to eliminate or reduce this type of poverty?

In light of the above figures and in the context of the EU's 2020 poverty target, what role does the Commission believe can be played by adequate pensions, i.e. above the poverty or social exclusion at-risk threshold, in addressing these worrying figures?