

## Committee on Employment & Social Affairs:

How should Europe cope with an ageing society and its consequent effects on the labour market? Which measures should the EU take to rejuvenate society, ensure employability of the youth and keep the European workforce globally competitive?

*Honorable delegates of the Committee on Employment & Social Affairs,*

My name is Jakob Dunshirn and I will be your committee president for the upcoming National MEP Session in Lower Austria. I greatly look forward to working together with every single one of you.

As your Committee President, together with my Co CP and CP Sec I will be chairing our discussions and direct you towards drafting a resolution. We will show you how it is done but cannot monitor your content input. Therefore it is necessary for all of you to do some preparation using the links and tips provided below. As you will all maybe be interested in representing Austria in the upcoming MEP sessions in Budapest, Sofia and Copenhagen we will be evaluating and grading your performance in the committee as well as in the General Assembly.

In order to make things easier for you, we have attached a couple of links which can help you with your research. You should inform yourself about current statistics, problems, causes and effects of youth unemployment and an aging society.

Three things to keep in mind:

- The MEP works under the assumption of an unlimited budget, thus financial issues should not be taken into consideration.
- The MEP attempts to remain politically independent as an institution. Hence, political campaigns should not be part of your preparation.
- Bear in mind that, if you want to make arguments or claims, you need proof and evidence. While researching you should not forget that some sources are more credible than others.

I would like to ask all of you to send me a summary of the research you have made, including two ways to solve the Committee Issue (about 350 words) by Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup>. I strongly advise you to take preparation seriously. Also, if you have any further questions about the MEP or preparation, feel free to contact me or the other members of the committee chairing team. In case you have any questions regarding the issue itself, I would suggest contacting our CIE (Committee Issue Expert) Thomas Sun. The whole team is very much looking forward to meeting you in January. Kind regards and best wishes, Your Committee Chairing Team.

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## Research Links

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### Youth Unemployment

- [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\\_explained/index.php/Unemployment\\_statistics](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Unemployment_statistics)
- <http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2013/jul/01/youth-unemployment-not-age-lack-of-skills>
- <http://www.economist.com/news/international/21576657-around-world-almost-300m-15-24-year-olds-are-not-working-what-has-caused>
- [http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/27/youth-unemployment-crisis\\_n\\_4004693.html](http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/09/27/youth-unemployment-crisis_n_4004693.html)
- <http://www.businessinsider.com/youth-unemployment-could-tear-europe-apart-warns-world-economic-forum-2013-11>
- <http://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2013/11/the-youth-unemployment-crisis-might-not-be-a-crisis/281802/>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lAMXEd1ceJ8&app=desktop>
- <http://www.bloomberg.com/bw/articles/2014-11-06/three-ways-europe-could-solve-its-youth-unemployment-crisis>
- <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/youth-unemployment/economist-there-role-eu-policy-overeducation-among-young-people-317803>
- <http://www.euractiv.com/sections/youth-unemployment/study-highlights-different-drivers-youth-unemployment-317937>

### Ageing Society

- [http://www.mckinsey.com/insights/europe/the\\_graying\\_of\\_europe](http://www.mckinsey.com/insights/europe/the_graying_of_europe) -
- <http://www.economist.com/news/finance-and-economics/21570752-growth-will-suffer-workers-dwindle-working-age-shift> -
- [http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics\\_explained/index.php/Population\\_structure\\_and\\_ageing](http://epp.eurostat.ec.europa.eu/statistics_explained/index.php/Population_structure_and_ageing)
- <http://www.reuters.com/article/2013/04/24/us-europe-economy-demographics-insight-idUSBRE93N09B20130424>
- <http://www.healthyageing.eu/initiatives/european-policies-and-initiatives>

- [http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/policy/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/health/ageing/policy/index_en.htm)
- <http://www.ft.com/cms/s/0/f5378e04-27ac-11e3-ae16-00144feab7de.html#axzz2tb9IYdcw>
- <http://www.worldbank.org/en/news/feature/2013/01/17/the-eu-11-in-an-ageing-europe>
- <http://www.nber.org/papers/w12736.pdf>
- <http://www.21stcenturychallenges.org/focus/britains-greying-population/>
- [http://seniorliving.about.com/od/babyboomers/a/aging\\_pop\\_tips.htm](http://seniorliving.about.com/od/babyboomers/a/aging_pop_tips.htm)
- [http://www.oecdobserver.org/news/archivestory.php/aid/741/Ageing\\_populations:\\_How\\_the\\_Dutch\\_cope.html](http://www.oecdobserver.org/news/archivestory.php/aid/741/Ageing_populations:_How_the_Dutch_cope.html)
- [http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2810516/?iframe=true&width=100%25&height=100%25&\\_escaped\\_fragment\\_=\\_po=8.33333](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2810516/?iframe=true&width=100%25&height=100%25&_escaped_fragment_=_po=8.33333)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYqflhHLAGM&app=desktop>
- <http://www.euractiv.com/social/europe/eu-search-retirement-age-formula-news-510897>