

**Question for written answer E-003047/2012
to the Commission**
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Subject: Task forces to tackle youth unemployment

During the informal summit on 30 January 2012, Commission President Barroso announced that the Commission would send a number of 'action teams' to the eight EU Member States which are particularly hard-hit by youth unemployment. At the summit, EU Heads of State and Government agreed that the EU should work 'with those Member States which have the highest youth unemployment levels to re-direct available EU funds towards support for young people to get into work or training'.

It has been reported in the press that the action teams have already visited the eight Member States and that work on devising plans to tackle youth unemployment in the individual countries is under way. According to the statements by Commission President Barroso, the intention is for the national plans — drawn up by the action teams — to be included in the National Reform Programmes, which will be presented later in the spring, and for the plans to be partially financed from the EU's Structural Funds.

1. Are there any preliminary results from the visits made by the above-mentioned action teams to the eight Member States?
2. What volume of EU resources does the Commission envisage that the EU will earmark to tackle youth unemployment in the relevant countries?