

**Question for written answer E-007703/2014  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Youth Guarantee

By September 2014, only two Member States had started to make use of funds available under the Youth Guarantee. It seems that the biggest problem is not the availability of the funds but the slow and inefficient use of these funds by Member States. In Malta, the scheme is administered by the Ministry for Education and Employment and funded to the amount of EUR 2.8 million. All initiatives indicate that they will target 2 000 students, even though there are currently 5 800 young people in Malta who are not in education, training or employment.

At the same time, the Jobs+ unit within the Ministry for Education and Employment was expected to launch its implementation plan in the second quarter of 2014. It is unclear whether or not it has done so.

Given that the scheme's recommendations call on the Commission to constantly monitor and report on developments concerning the design, implementation and results of Youth Guarantee schemes, can the Commission:

1. state whether Malta has initiated the implementation and disbursement of the funds, and if so, how it has done this;
2. indicate the reasons for accepting a scheme which only targets one third of those young people who could benefit from such a scheme?