

**Question for written answer E-008741/2014
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Use of monies from the ESF

The following appears in the German magazine Das Spiegel: "Take for example the EUR 7 billion training project, half financed by Brussels' social fund, that was meant to help young Italians find jobs. A study found that, although several thousand courses were taught, only 233 people ultimately found a job as a result. This means that every job cost about EUR 30 million." (Das Spiegel 41/2014, p. 73).

1. Are these figures correct?
2. How much did European Social Fund contribute in actual fact?
3. Which report documents precisely how the funds were used and their effectiveness?