

**Question for written answer E-009342/2014
to the Commission**

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Subject: Insecurity amongst young scientific workers and EU funding

Insecurity has been increasing amongst scientific workers in Portugal over recent years. There are many researchers and other scientific workers, including some with PhDs, who stay for years and years as scholarship holders, without employment contracts or the elementary rights due to them. This problem is felt more acutely in universities and other R&D institutions in the interior, which have serious difficulties in retaining young scientific workers.

The Commission is asked:

1. What is its assessment of the delay in implementing the recommendations contained in the European Charter for Researchers and what measures is it planning to propose to speed up implementation, particularly as regards the employment rights of the researchers in question?
2. What support and specific measures can be promoted at EU level to support the retention of young scientific workers in the less-developed interior regions?
3. Has any decision been taken concerning the impossibility of using EU funds to finance new post-doctoral scholarships?