

**Question for written answer E-000173/2015  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Early school leaving

Member States want to reduce school drop-out rates to below 10 %. However, according to the 2013 report of the European Network of Education Councils conference, the percentage of young people leaving school early now stands at 12.8 %.

According to the same report, the main impact of early school leaving is youth unemployment. In 2011, 54.8 % of early school leavers were unemployed, but around 70 % intended to get a job and 'people without proper education lost their jobs during the crisis'.

1. Does the Commission have new data on school leaving in the EU?
2. What immediate action should be taken to minimise this phenomenon?