Question for written answer E-001622/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Gabriel Mato (PPE) and Carlos Iturgaiz (PPE)

Subject: Difficulties of young Europeans in establishing their independence

The high number of young people in Europe who are unemployed and have increasing difficulty in establishing their independence in most Member States has meant that the number of young people who are obliged to live at home with their parents has increased considerably in the EU, according to surveys.

Social and employment obstacles have caused a worsening of the life prospects of young people; as EU institutions, we must find a way to respond in order to be sure that our children and grandchildren have a decent future.

However, to do so requires steps to be taken which ensure not only that young people can find a job, but also that a favourable social and economic situation can help them to become independent.

What steps does the Commission plan to take to halt the increase in the number of young people who are obliged to continue to live at their parents' house because of the impossibility of living on their own?

Apart from the programmes designed to combat youth unemployment, what other proposals exist to combat the social obstacles which have to be faced?

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