

**Question for written answer E-005438/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Entrepreneurship support in Malta

Recent research has shown that education is fundamental to training entrepreneurs. In fact, a survey has shown that between 15 and 20 % of secondary school students who participate in a mini-company programme later start their own businesses, and even those who do not are at an advantage when looking for a job and better positioned on the job market. Some Member States have already taken steps to initiate entrepreneurship training programmes. However, the Commission reiterates the importance of imparting such education to young people in Europe as a means of recovery and economic growth and to combat unemployment. The implementation of the actions proposed by the Commission, together with the Entrepreneurship 2020 Action Plan, is relevant for each Member State. As I am unaware the situation of Malta regarding entrepreneurship training, but aware of the particular island situation of the Member State concerned, the Commission is asked:

1. whether Maltese secondary schools have integrated entrepreneurship training projects into traditional education programmes;
2. which sectors of the Maltese economy could take more advantage of entrepreneurship training.