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to the Commission**

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Subject: The Court of Auditors casts doubt on the Youth Guarantee

The European Court of Auditors published a report on 24 March casting doubt on the effectiveness of the Youth Guarantee. Introduced by the European Commission in June 2013, it was intended to deal with worsening youth unemployment by giving young people under the age of 25 a 'good quality' job within 4 months of them leaving education or losing their job. The European Union allocated a budget of EUR 12.7 billion to the initiative, which was to have been topped up by funding from individual Member States.

However, the Court of Auditors has expressed serious doubts as to the success of the initiative. In its report, three points were highlighted: the monitoring and assessment of the results of the scheme, the exact definition of what is meant by the term 'quality job' and the availability of sufficient total funding.

It would therefore be invaluable to know how the Commission intends responding to the concerns raised by the Court of Auditors.

1. Why did the Commission not conduct a detailed impact analysis detailing the anticipated costs and benefits, even though such a procedure is standard for any initiative of this kind?
2. Consequently, what were the criteria on which the Commission based its estimate of the cost of this initiative?