

**Question for written answer E-008379/2015
to the Commission**

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Subject: Using the ESF to pre-finance Youth Employment Initiative programmes

Earlier this month, the European Parliament voted to use the European Social Fund (ESF) to pre-finance programmes selected for the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI). Up to now, the ESF has been covering 1 % of the cost, a figure which, as a result of this recent decision, will rise to 30 %.

It should be borne in mind that the ESF, which amounts to EUR 10 billion per year, is already used to finance several European projects to support jobs and is not a bottomless pit of money.

We would therefore like to ask the European Commission whether it can reassure us that an increased contribution from the ESF will be useful and will enable the YEI to develop further programmes to support youth employment in Europe.

We would like to see a list of projects for each Member State so as to ascertain the extent of developments in EU-financed projects and to ensure that European and national funds are not being granted to the same projects.