Question for written answer E-015061/2015 to the Commission Rule 130 Hugues Bayet (S&D)

Subject: Priorities for fostering inclusive education

On 16 October 2015 the Luxembourg Council Presidency organised a conference entitled 'Inclusive Education. Take action!'. Young people aged between 14 and 16 issued a series of recommendations highlighting ways of ensuring that better account is taken of the specific needs of schoolchildren who are disadvantaged or who have problems of other kinds.

What is more, since 2009, through the 'Education and Training 2020' programme, the Commission has been giving priority to integrating pupils with specific needs and helping the Member States to meet shared challenges in this area.

Pupils from a migrant background, pupils with a disability and Roma pupils still find themselves at a disadvantage in Member State education systems, however. Guidelines have been drawn up with a view to helping the Member States make their education systems fairer and better.

At the mid-point of the 'Education and Training 2020' programme, what new measures does the Commission plan to take to foster inclusive education, a goal which is still some way off?