

**Question for written answer E-000964/2016
to the Commission**
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Subject: Education and Training Monitor 2015

According to the findings of the Education and Training Monitor 2015, there has been some progress in education attainment in the EU. The number of students completing higher levels of education has increased and those leaving education early have been minimised. Since 2010, spending cuts in educational budgets have fallen by 3.2 % in Europe. This shows that Europe has been committed to reaching the goals set out in its Europe 2020 growth and employment strategy. Nevertheless, progress has been uneven in the Member States. Pupils from disadvantaged socio-economic backgrounds or immigrant backgrounds are still most at risk of not having access to basic education. Accordingly, further investment in education is crucial in order to make education more inclusive and ensure open, supportive, tolerant high-quality learning environments. It is important that the Member States focus on improving the accessibility, quality and relevance of their education and training systems.

1. What kind of financial assistance and specialist help has the Commission been providing to the Member States to ensure that students with an immigrant background receive adequate education?
2. Can the Commission explain how much each Member State invested in education from its consolidated budget in the last 5 years?