

**Question for written answer E-002091/2016
to the Commission**

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Subject: The Youth Guarantee in Spain

In response to a Council recommendation of 22 April 2013, Spain submitted its national plan for the implementation of the Youth Guarantee, in order, in keeping with the Europe 2020 Strategy, to cut youth unemployment and the number of people leaving school early, and to help young people who are not in education, employment or training.

The Commission carries out six-monthly assessments of the Member States in order to monitor the implementation process and put forward recommendations for improvements. Those assessments are mainly based on reports submitted by the Member States themselves.

What is the Commission's assessment of the fact that implementation by the Spanish Government has been subject to delays, and that programmes have not been monitored or assessed?

In addition to the recommendations it has already made, is the Commission intending to take further action to provide incentives for the Member States to implement the Youth Guarantee programme correctly, thereby ensuring the proper use of EU funding?

In its future six-monthly assessments, is the Commission considering using other sources of assessment, such as trade unions or youth organisations, to ensure that the implementation processes and their outcomes are assessed in greater detail and verified more thoroughly?