

**Question for written answer E-002092/2016
to the Commission**

Rule 130

Josep-Maria Terricabras (Verts/ALE) and Ernest Maragall (Verts/ALE)

Subject: Active employment policies and correctly implementing them at regional level

With Europe, and especially countries in southern Europe, in the grip of an economic crisis, active employment policies are one of the principal ways of reducing high rates of unemployment and making workers more employable.

The subsidiarity principle, as enshrined in Article 5 of the Treaty on European Union, is one of the fundamental principles underpinning the correct development of such policies. In Spain, the legislative and executive authority in this area lies with the regional governments, so it would seem logical for those legislative and executive bodies to be the ones to manage the relevant financial resources, to ensure they are able to exercise their powers as regards active employment policies in an effective way.

With a view to cutting unemployment, is the Commission intending to take steps or establish mechanisms to ensure compliance with the subsidiarity principle, and to ascertain whether the active employment policies formulated by the relevant authorities are actually being rolled out in each region?

With a view to the development in future of programmes like the Youth Guarantee that are vital for the future of European society, are there plans to identify, in the recommendations relating to such programmes, the authorities that are to manage EU funding based on their responsibility for implementing those programmes?