

**Question for written answer E-002789/2016  
to the Commission**

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Subject: Implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in Galicia

Two years ago, the Youth Employment Initiative was launched. Under the initiative, EUR 6 000 million was allocated for the years 2014-2020 as part of the Youth Guarantee scheme, with the aim of helping people under 25 to find a job, a place in further education or work experience within four months of finishing their formal education or becoming unemployed.

Despite the fact that my region, Galicia, has a youth unemployment rate of 31.2%, and that the figure for Spain is 45.3%, the initiative has not been implemented in line with expectations. According to data from the Ministry of Employment, the Galician Government has assigned just 13.72% of the budget available for 2014 and 2015.

In the report on the Youth Guarantee it compiled for Spain in March, the Commission pointed out that the 'limited number' of young people enrolled in the scheme is putting its 'effectiveness' at risk. And yet the Galician Government is doing nothing to raise awareness of the programme.

What is the Commission's assessment of the data concerning the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in Galicia and Spain? What are the Commission's options as regards making it more effective? Can the Commission give a comparative overview of the situation, and examples of best practices?