

Question for written answer E-003408/2016
to the Council
Rule 130
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Subject: Internships at the Council of the European Union

Every year the Council takes on many interns from across the EU. It is only right and responsible that such institutions allow access to young people, as it provides them with invaluable experience while bringing the European institutions closer to the people. However, with over half of all internships in the EU uncompensated and many more poorly paid, good-quality internships remain primarily accessible to young people from high-income households.

Hence, can the Council provide figures on the number of interns that it intends to take on by the end of 2016, and on how much each intern will earn for their time at the Council?

What is the Council doing to make sure that these internships are as accessible as possible to people of all backgrounds?