

**Question for written answer E-003601/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: EU funding to combat youth unemployment

The EU wants to bring down the high level of youth unemployment in Europe. To that end the Commission (DG EMPL) grants funding to projects designed to combat youth unemployment in the EU. That funding is awarded to specified projects that are dependent on funding to ensure they can be put into practice.

Could the Commission state whether DG EMPL (EMPL/B.1) funding from the 2015/2016 budget has been assigned so as to prioritise the Danish labour market model and target Danish youth unemployment?

Could the Commission also state how many applications aiming to combat youth unemployment are received per year, and – if they are approved – which requirements they have met?

Lastly, could the Commission state whether it finds it acceptable that applicants for EU funding from DG EMPL wait up to six months to be notified as regards whether they have been awarded funding?