

Question for written answer E-003716/2016
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Unpaid trainees at the European Commission

Traineeships have now become a staple entry on a young person's CV, both as a means of getting valuable work experience and of getting into the labour market. Indeed, young people are increasingly finding themselves unable to start their careers because they lack the required experience. The only means of gaining such experience is to accept unpaid internships. This is not a privilege that the vast majority of young people in the West Midlands can afford.

It is important therefore that the institutions of the European Union show their commitment to an inclusive labour market.

Hence, can the Commission disclose the number of unpaid interns that it employs and the length of their contracts?