

Question for written answer E-007774/2016
to the Commission
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Subject: Effectiveness of the EU's 'Youth Guarantee' initiative

The 'Youth Guarantee' is an EU initiative under which the Member States have committed to ensuring that all EU young citizens are given an offer of employment, apprenticeship, traineeship or further education within four months of leaving school or losing a job. The aim of this initiative is to tackle the extremely high levels of unemployment, which currently affects approximately 19% of young Europeans under the age of 25.

Since the programme was launched in 2013, more than 9 million young EU residents have taken advantage of it. The Guarantee is funded under the 'Youth Employment Initiative', with a budget of EUR 6.5 billion. The Commission has already announced the continuation of the programme beyond 2020 and a EUR 2 billion increase in its budget.

Unfortunately, the programme's impact on actual employment levels among young people cannot be assessed from the Commission's analysis of the effects of the Youth Guarantee. Moreover, the Court of Auditors has criticised the programme, saying that it is unknown how many jobs have been created and at what cost.

What action is the Commission taking both to increase the effectiveness of the Youth Guarantee and to comprehensively measure its effectiveness at EU level and in the individual Member States?