

**Question for written answer E-009687/2016  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Skills Guarantee

The European Union has a tendency to interfere in policy areas that do not fall within its sphere of competence. One of the latest and most significant examples is the 'New Skills Agenda for Europe', which aims to 'support, coordinate and complement' the actions of Member States with a view to tackling adult illiteracy. The idea of encouraging basic skills learning (particularly in the digital field) for adults with no secondary education may seem interesting. It involves facilitating access to refresher courses or training courses in order to compensate for the inadequacy of Member States' actions in this field.

- Does the Commission not accept that the appropriateness of coordinating actions at European level remains highly questionable, since in the majority of Member States, education policies are mostly applicable regionally or locally, rather than nationally?
- Is there not a risk that the funding of these training courses by European programmes will be directed to the exclusive benefit of migrants?