

**Question for written answer E-002221/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Youth Guarantee in areas hit by natural disasters

The Youth Guarantee is a major innovation which seeks to provide young people under the age of 30 with a quality job offer, the chance to continue their studies, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within four months of their becoming unemployed or after leaving formal education.

The 2013 Recommendation on the Youth Guarantee is currently under review and a change in the routing of financing and the eligibility of beneficiaries is being considered.

The natural disasters for which use can be made of the EU Solidarity Fund not only occasion huge structural damage but also have serious social and employment consequences, particularly for more vulnerable segments of society, and especially the young.

In order to more appropriately establish the level and characteristics of the services provided and to increase their effectiveness, will the Commission introduce a new profiling system that is more attuned to the territorial, economic and demographic variables in the areas for which Solidarity Fund applications are made following natural disasters?

In particular, would it consider it possible to extend, for the areas concerned, the age categories eligible for Youth Guarantee funding?