

**Question for written answer E-004829/2017  
to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Europe Direct in Schools

Bearing in mind that:

- since its inception, the Europe Direct information system has stood out as a success story among the projects carried out by the EU;
- Europe Direct still represents substantial added value for the EU as well as a means of rapid consultation and access for citizens;
- Europe Direct operates throughout the European Union in around 500 centres;
- it is important to bring the younger generations closer to Europe and to show them the opportunities offered by the EU and how its institutions function;
- Europe Direct already operates sporadically in activities aimed at young people, with school visits and training actions;

Will the Commission extend the remit of Europe Direct, in particular by establishing a permanent information role in schools, by opening 'Europe Direct youth' branches in institutes of higher education in addition to existing regional centres?