

**Question for written answer E-005269/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Relevance of the Youth Guarantee

In its report published in April 2017¹, the EU Court of Auditors criticised the implementation of the Youth Guarantee and its weak effect on efforts to combat youth unemployment. According to the report, the reduced unemployment rates among young people were not linked to the effectiveness of the guarantee but to the reduction of the number of young people in Europe.

Moreover, the Court of Auditors noted that even if the total number of young people not in employment, education or training ('NEETs') had decreased in all Member States (with the exception of France), this reduction had not resulted in an increase in the number of young people in employment.

- How does the Commission justify this lack of results?
- Does the Commission accept that the Youth Guarantee is therefore a failure and ought to be discontinued?

¹ <http://www.eca.europa.eu/en/Pages/DocItem.aspx?did=41096>