

**Question for written answer E-005665/2017
to the Commission**

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Subject: Investment in education in Spain

According to data released in the last few days, investment in education in Spain is still below the levels reached in 2010 (approximately 7% less). Furthermore, Spain is the country with the fifth lowest investment in education in relation to GDP, only Bulgaria, Italy, Ireland and Romania investing less.

In my questions E-007072/2014 and E-009413/2014, I drew attention to the strong impact that the cuts pushed through by the Spanish Government were having on education budgets, with significant reductions in the number of students receiving study grants or allowances and in the number of teachers.

These cuts run counter to the 2020 Strategy, in which the Commission stressed the need to improve the quality of our education so that knowledge and innovation can become the cornerstones of a strategy for smart growth.

1. Does the Commission see cuts in education as being compatible with the 2020 Strategy and with efforts to build social cohesion?
2. What is its assessment of the evolution of public investment in education in Spain since 2010?