

**Question for written answer E-005739/2017
to the Commission**
Rule 130
Siôn Simon (S&D)

Subject: ESF measures combatting poverty and social exclusion

In answering Written Question E-002310/2017, the Commission stated that the EU has foreseen at least 20 % of the European Social Fund (ESF) for measures combating poverty and social exclusion (2014-2020) and that guidance provided in the Investing in children recommendation, as well as the Youth Guarantee and the Youth Employment Initiatives, were important levers in this context.

Does the Commission have other guidance, in particular targeting other groups, such as older people?

And how does the Commission assess whether the measures taken are indeed combating poverty?