

**Question for written answer E-006340/2017
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: Underuse of funds for craft enterprises in Sardinia

The Sardinia Region, under Regional Law No 12/2001, grants craft enterprises an annual contribution for employing young people aged between 17 and 29 on apprenticeship contracts.

This regulation was funded until 2014 (for apprentices recruited in 2012), with the added complication that the ministerial 'Youth Employment Incentive' intended for young people between 16 and 29 years, financed by the European Social Fund as part of the 'Youth Employment Initiative', was underused by 45% at national level.

There is therefore an imbalance and a lack of coordination in the organisation of the funds: the support structure for craft enterprises at regional level is extremely useful but lacks funds, while at national level, ample funds are available but they are fixed at nine months.

In the light of this, can the Commission:

- provide information on the use in Italy and Sardinia of this incentive, which is funded by the European Social Fund as part of the Youth Employment Initiative;
- express a view on the underuse of funds and clarify whether they can be used to finance the Regional Law of Sardinia;
- explain how it plans to encourage the Region and the Ministry to use these funds?