

**Question for written answer E-007400/2017
to the Commission**
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Subject: Second chance schools

In 1997, the Commission launched a pilot project for second chance schools (E2C – *Écoles de la deuxième chance*). The programme aimed to offer a path to multi-literacy and basic vocational training for young people with no training or not having completed their education. According to the European Association of Cities for Second Chance Schools, there are around 40 partner schools in the programme across 15 European countries.

In France, almost 15 000 young people take part in the E2C programme every year, around two-thirds of whom complete it successfully, either with a training diploma or employment of more than six months, or by obtaining a subsidised contract. However, major difficulties are still faced by some, often fragile, young people. For 22% of young people who go through the E2C programme, no solution is found.

1. How will the Commission continue to support this programme?
2. Will an in-depth study be carried out into the E2C programme to identify its successes and shortcomings?