

**Question for written answer E-000265/2018/rev.1**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
**André Elissen (ENF)**

Subject: Shortcomings in the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative (YEI)

The report on the implementation of the Youth Employment Initiative in the Member States has been debated in the European Parliament. The Member States have committed themselves to ensuring that young people receive a good-quality offer of employment, continued education, an apprenticeship or a traineeship within a period of four months of becoming unemployed or leaving formal education. The Court of Auditors, however, is expressing concern regarding the (prompt) availability and the quality of the data necessary for assessment of the reliability of reports.

1. Does the Commission agree that the lack of transparency that has been identified with regard to the findings, coupled with the lack of data by means of which to assess their reliability, is unacceptable?
2. Given that bespoke measures at national level are the only way to really tackle youth unemployment, what action will the Commission take to achieve this?
3. Can the Commission guarantee that no additional funds will in any way be made available to save this failing employment scheme? If not, why not?