



**2016/2242(INI)**

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# **OPINION**

of the Committee on Culture and Education

for the Committee on Budgetary Control

on control of spending and monitoring of the EU Youth Guarantee scheme's  
cost-effectiveness  
(2016/2242(INI))

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## SUGGESTIONS

The Committee on Culture and Education calls on the Committee on Budgetary Control, as the committee responsible, to incorporate the following suggestions in its motion for a resolution:

1. Stresses that the Youth Guarantee (YG) has an important role in supporting measures to provide unemployed young people with the skills, experience and knowledge needed to engage in employment with a view to the long-term and to become entrepreneurs, and also provides an opportunity to address skills mismatch;
2. Highlights the important role of education and career guidance in preparing young people with the work ethics and skills needed by the job market; points out, however, that education should not only provide skills and competences relevant to job market needs, but must also contribute to young people's personal development and growth in order to make them proactive and responsible citizens; stresses, therefore, the need for a civic education within the whole educational system, including both formal and non-formal education methods;
3. Stresses the need to create and develop high-quality lifelong career guidance with the active involvement of families in order to help young people make better choices about their education and professional careers;
4. Points out that measures supported by the YG also need to address the structural challenges faced by young people not in education, employment or training (NEETS), in order to ensure that they have a long-term impact; encourages the Member States to provide targeted financial commitments in national budgets to address these structural challenges;
5. Stresses that the development of one-stop-shops should be supported in order to boost the positive impact of the Youth Guarantee by ensuring that all services and guidance are available for young people at one location;
6. Stresses that NEETs are a heterogeneous and diverse group and that schemes are more efficient and cost-effective when they are targeted to address identified challenges; highlights in this respect the need to set up comprehensive strategies with clear objectives designed to target all categories of NEETs;
7. Stresses that measures under the YG are likely to be more efficient and cost-effective when young people are assisted in entering the labour market in a way that can provide them with sustainable employment opportunities and salary progression;
8. Stresses that the evaluation of the cost-effectiveness of the YG must take into account the quality of YG offers; highlights the need to define a quality framework with quality standards for such offers;
9. Underlines the fact that financial support schemes are also needed to address young people at risk of becoming NEETs;
10. Notes that a lack of information on the potential cost of implementing a scheme in a

Member State can result in inadequate funding for implementing the scheme and achieving its objectives; calls on the Member States to establish an overview of the cost of implementing the YG, as recommended by the special report of the European Court of Auditors<sup>1</sup>;

11. Notes that the lack of visibility of the scheme can make it difficult to reach out to all young people; recommends that action be taken to improve the possibility of funding local campaigns organised with all the relevant local partners, including youth organisations, and to support the development of platforms for young people to register for the scheme; recommends that the information related to the YG be accessible and understandable for everyone;
12. Calls on the Commission to provide more precise information about the cost-effectiveness of the YG and how implementation of the programme is monitored in the Member States, and to provide comprehensive annual reporting on this;
13. Calls for a diversification of funding channels at local, regional and national level, so as to better reach out to all young people; remarks, furthermore, that the local and regional authorities are already very active and should be supported in their youth action by integrating different policy lines;
14. Calls on the Commission to strengthen the manner in which Member States implement schemes approved under the YG and to put in place a transparent, comprehensive and open-data monitoring system that covers cost-effectiveness, structural reforms and measures targeting individuals;
15. Calls on the Commission to identify and disseminate good monitoring and reporting practices based on its overview of the existing systems across the Member States;
16. Calls for a strong partnership approach in which social partners, youth organisations, schools and training institutions, private employment providers and third sector organisations get involved in the design, implementation, delivering and monitoring of the YG scheme;
17. Stresses that ICT skills could offer great potential for the creation of sustainable jobs, and therefore calls on the Member States to include effective measures for enhancing ICT/digital skills in their YG Implementation Plans.

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<sup>1</sup> Special report No 5/2017 entitled 'Youth unemployment - have EU policies made a difference?' ([http://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR17\\_5/SR\\_YOUTH\\_GUARANTEE\\_EN.pdf](http://www.eca.europa.eu/Lists/ECADocuments/SR17_5/SR_YOUTH_GUARANTEE_EN.pdf))

## INFORMATION ON ADOPTION IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

<b>Date adopted</b>	21.6.2017
<b>Result of final vote</b>	+: 22 -: 1 0: 4
<b>Members present for the final vote</b>	Dominique Bilde, Andrea Bocskor, Nikolaos Chountis, Silvia Costa, Angel Dzhambazki, Jill Evans, María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Giorgos Grammatikakis, Petra Kammerevert, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Curzio Maltese, Stefano Maullu, Morten Messerschmidt, Luigi Morgano, Momchil Nekov, John Procter, Michaela Šojdrová, Yana Toom, Helga Trüpel, Sabine Verheyen, Julie Ward, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Theodoros Zagorakis, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Milan Zver, Krystyna Łybacka
<b>Substitutes present for the final vote</b>	Emma McClarkin

## FINAL VOTE BY ROLL CALL IN COMMITTEE ASKED FOR OPINION

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PPE	Andrea Bocskor, Svetoslav Hristov Malinov, Stefano Maullu, Sabine Verheyen, Bogdan Brunon Wenta, Theodoros Zagorakis, Bogdan Andrzej Zdrojewski, Milan Zver, Michaela Šojdrová
S&D	Silvia Costa, Giorgos Grammatikakis, Petra Kammerevert, Luigi Morgano, Momchil Nekov, Julie Ward, Krystyna Lybacka
ALDE	María Teresa Giménez Barbat, Yana Toom
GUE/NGL	Nikolaos Chountis, Curzio Maltese
Verts/ALE	Jill Evans, Helga Trüpel

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ENF	Dominique Bilde

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ECR	Angel Dzhambazki, Emma McClarkin, Morten Messerschmidt, John Procter

**Key to symbols:**

+ : in favour

- : against

0 : abstention