

**Question for written answer E-004002/2011  
to the Council**  
Rule 117  
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Subject: Trainees at the Council of the European Union

Traineeships can provide valuable experience for young people and many studies have shown that a good traineeship helps young people in education to subsequently find a job.

1. The Council of the European Union offers 5-month traineeships to graduates, postgraduate students and postgraduates (cf. the information on the Traineeships Office webpage). How many trainees are taken on each year by the Council of the European Union under this arrangement?
2. Does the Council of the European Union take on trainees who are not part of the aforementioned official traineeship scheme? If so, can the Council say:
  - how many trainee posts of this type are offered each year?
  - what types of traineeships do these posts cover at the Council?
  - what sort of allowances do such trainees receive, e.g. accommodation, transport, food, daily allowances, etc.
  - how long do such traineeships usually last?
  - what is the typical level of education of the trainee? Does he/she tend to be a graduate, a postgraduate student or a postgraduate?

With respect to these trainees, does any regulation or code of conduct already exist on hiring trainees outside of the official scheme.