

Question for written answer E-006922/2012
to the Commission
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Subject: Promoting the EU-wide mobility of young job-seekers

The ongoing crisis in the EU is causing a scarcity of jobs, which is affecting in particular young people in economically-weak Member States, primarily Spain and Greece. Targeted support measures for young, mobile EU citizens can help them to enter the job market in the more prosperous Member States such as Germany. These might usefully include work-oriented language courses, support in job-seeking and personal and professional supervision. This would be a practical, worthwhile measure in the context of the freedom of movement of persons, the freedom to provide services and the ability to adapt which we are striving for. The Decision of the Council of 28/29 June 2012 to develop the EURES portal into a real European placement and recruitment tool should therefore be welcomed.

1. Has the Commission planned further measures to facilitate the ability of young job-seekers from crisis-hit Member States to move to economically-stronger Member States?
2. What possibilities for financial support for the above-mentioned measures are available from EU programmes, including accompanying measures organised for the public good?
3. What possibilities for financial support are available as a result of the Council's 'European Policy Contribution to Growth and Employment', which was adopted on 28/29 June 2012?