

**Question for written answer E-005533/2013
to the Commission**

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Subject: Boosting employment in Cantabria

The current Cantabrian Regional Government has received EUR 47 million from the European Social Fund (ESF) 2007-2013 for professional training projects and other employment-support and job-creation programmes.

However, we can see no progress in this regard: unemployment is one of Cantabria's greatest problems. The most recent figures show 58 623 people registered as unemployed with the government unemployment service, which is 5 434 more than in April 2012.

The region of Cantabria also has one of the worst year-on-year rates. In the last year, unemployment has increased by 10.22% in the region; that is double the national total (+5.16%) and is the second-largest increase in the country.

In view of this information, has the Commission been given information on the percentage of ESF funding that each Spanish region has spent? What is the percentage for the region of Cantabria? Does the Commission consider Cantabria to have complied with the ESF's adaptability and employment objectives?