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Subject: Youth Guarantee

Young people have been affected disproportionately by the current economic recession. There are 5.7 million unemployed young people in Europe at the moment. Indeed, in some Member States one person in two aged between 15 and 24 is without a job. This is why I welcome the initiative from the Commission and the undertakings made recently by the Council of Ministers on the Youth Guarantee.

Given that its success will largely depend on how public employment services are organised in each Member State, what input will the Commission provide to support the efforts made by Member States? Is the European executive considering the possibility of offering technical assistance to Member States and of entering into partnerships with other international institutions, such as the International Labour Organisation, to ensure that the Youth Guarantee is successful?