

**Question for written answer E-013144/2013  
to the Commission  
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Subject: Activity in the European Alliance for Apprenticeships initiative

As part of efforts to tackle youth unemployment, the European Alliance for Apprenticeships was launched in July 2013. The Alliance aims to improve the availability, quality and positive image of apprenticeships. The success of this initiative depends mainly on the active work of stakeholders.

Taking into account the varying levels of development of apprenticeships in individual Member States, as well as differences in national traditions, there is a risk that the active stakeholders will be mainly those from Member States where apprenticeships are already adequately covered.

1. What level of activity has been observed in relation to this initiative to date (by Member States, if possible?) Is the Commission satisfied?
2. Are any measures provided to promote activity by potential stakeholders in Member States where there has been a lack of strong interest to date?