

**Question for written answer E-013463/2013  
to the Commission**  
Rule 117  
**Sergio Gutiérrez Prieto (S&D)**

Subject: Problems with the Erfurt Mobility Programme

There are 180 young Spaniards in the Germany city of Erfurt waiting to start the 'Erfurt Mobility Programme', a three-year dual course combining practical and theoretical training. They were also promised accommodation under this programme and traineeship contracts with firms paying them a salary of EUR 400 which would then be topped up to EUR 818 by the German Government.

However when they arrived in Erfurt after a six-week German course in Spain, the firms knew nothing about the arrival of these young people and all accommodation was full. These young Spaniards have not received any grants during their stay and have had to pay for their keep out of their own pockets. Furthermore, not having a contract they cannot apply for the financial support promised when they were in Spain, so they are surviving hand to mouth.

Generally these young people feel that they have been deceived and tricked. Little by little, solutions to the accommodation problem have been found as well as some contracts, but it was some time before anyone was prepared to resolve the situation, forcing many of these young people to return to Spain.

It is intolerable that anyone can look at youth unemployment in Spain and, without any guarantees, promise a series of contracts and hope for the future.

- As this is a programme registered with the Eures network, would the Commission agree that cases like this one show up the current shortcomings of the Eures programme?
- Would the Commission agree that there should be EU programmes and checks in place to ensure that young Europeans moving around in search of work can do so in security and safety and to prevent fraud and abuse?