

Question for written answer E-006311/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Youth unemployment and extension of the Youth Guarantee

Combating youth unemployment is currently one of the biggest challenges for the EU and a main priority for the socialist family. The average unemployment rate among young people (aged between 15 and 24) is currently 21.9 % in the EU. Bulgaria stands a little below the average with an unemployment rate of 21.04 %. Youth poverty is not only an economic problem; it is mainly a social one, and often leads to radicalism and social dumping.

In relation to this, the Commission is asked to answer the following:

How much of the financing allocated to Bulgaria under the Youth Employment Initiative has been used to date, and for how many projects?

What will the consequences be should Bulgaria be incapable of using the pre-financing after the adoption of the new regulation that provides for an increase of 29 % over and above the initial 1 % pre-financing rate?

Does the Commission intend to extend the Youth Guarantee to all young people under the age of 30?