

**Question for written answer E-006426/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Funding opportunities for unemployed young persons following the discontinuation of the Leonardo da Vinci programme

Between 2007 and 2013, training providers were able to obtain grants through the Leonardo da Vinci programme to send unemployed young persons abroad to learn practical skills during supervised internships, for example.

In 2014 all of the EU's education and training schemes were merged under the ERASMUS+ umbrella programme. According to one training provider, it is now impossible to source funding of this kind for unemployed young people if more than a year has passed since they left vocational training or school.

Are there any other avenues for obtaining training grants for unemployed young persons, or do plans exist to introduce new programmes giving access to funding on the same scale as the Leonardo da Vinci programme?