

**Question for written answer E-001145/2019  
to the Commission**

Rule 130

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Subject: The 4 Uzbek trainees in the EU institutions and the 25 000 French Sciences Po graduates who were not awarded traineeships

Between October 2018 and February 2019, the European Parliament took on a total of 387 trainees<sup>1</sup>. Among the 6 058 applicants, Parliament's Secretariat selected 26 French trainees compared with 60 Italians, 54 Spaniards and 21 Belgians. Parliament rejected 5 781 applications.

Stranger still, the trainees taken on include one Algerian, two Albanians, two Bosnians, two Georgians, one Kosovar (Kosovo's independence has not been recognised by five EU Member States), one Lebanese, two Indians, one Moroccan, one Syrian, one Tunisian, one Turk, three Americans, one Russian, two Belarusians, two Ukrainians and four Uzbeks, i.e. 27 trainees from foreign countries.

Parliament could thus have taken on twice as many French trainees.

1. How many European applicants for Commission traineeships were turned down in 2017, given that 18 636 applicants<sup>2</sup> were turned down in 2016?
2. Why does the Commission take on non-European trainees when thousands of eager young Europeans are not given an opportunity?

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<sup>1</sup> [http://www.newshound.ep.parl.union.eu/newshnd/cms/lang/en/edition\\_593/people/trainees\\_autumn\\_2018](http://www.newshound.ep.parl.union.eu/newshnd/cms/lang/en/edition_593/people/trainees_autumn_2018)

<sup>2</sup> [http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2017-007217-ASW\\_FR.html](http://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-8-2017-007217-ASW_FR.html)