

**Question for written answer E-002439/2019  
to the Commission**  
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Subject: Bleak job prospects for young people

Using figures from Eurostat and Refinitiv, a recent article in the *Financial Times* ('Young people struggle in eurozone's two-tier labour market,' 17.07.2019) reported that, despite the eurozone's economic recovery, young people still face high unemployment rates, precarious working conditions, underemployment and long periods of inactivity.

Young people in work are subject to more insecure working conditions than previous generations, with many employed only on part-time or temporary contracts. Although the problem of youth unemployment and underemployment is particularly acute in Southern Europe, young people from all across the EU are now facing similar circumstances. The article concludes that young people would be the hardest hit by a future slowdown of the eurozone's economy.

In view of this:

1. What measures will the Commission take directly to tackle youth unemployment and underemployment?
2. Which specific funds, measures and strategies can it suggest to help Greece in the forthcoming programming period 2021-2027?