

**Question for written answer E-001278/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Prolongation of the bonus for the recruitment of under 36s

By means of the 2023 Budget Law, which was definitively approved and published in the Official Gazette on 30 December 2022, the Italian Parliament extended into 2023 a bonus for the recruitment of people younger than 36.

What is more, it extended to the current year the relief for the recruitment of under 36s on a permanent basis, which had been introduced for the two-year 2021-2022 period by means of Law No 178/2020. The purpose of the aid is to drive stable employment for young people by cutting the total amount of social security contributions payable by companies for three years, up to a maximum of EUR 8 000.

However, despite the legal provisions, the practical application of the relief, like the other forms of aid provided for in the Budget Law, has to be authorised by the Commission, pursuant to Article 108(3) TFEU and in accordance with the reopening of the temporary framework, by means of which the EU has been granting state aid to provide economic support in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the light of the above:

1. Does the Commission intend to authorise the extension of the contributions relief to recruitment on a permanent basis of under 36s in Italy?
2. Does it also plan to authorise the other measures and facilities provided for in the budget law that are designed to boost recruitment of women and people on the minimum income scheme?

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