

**Question for written answer P-002978/2013
to the Commission**
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Subject: EU support for youth self-employment

Youth unemployment has reached unsustainable levels. The EU youth unemployment rate now stands at 22.8 %, while in some Member States the figure is over 50 %. Measures such as the youth unemployment package and the youth employment initiative will help to remedy the situation.

Encouraging entrepreneurship and youth self-employment should be a key element in tackling youth unemployment.

What measures, projects or programmes is the EU developing or funding to promote entrepreneurship and self-employment among young people?

Will the Commission propose or launch new initiatives aimed at doing so?