

**Question for written answer P-012308/2013  
to the Commission  
Rule 117  
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**Subject:** Skills development for young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities

Across the EU, education for young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities frequently ends at the secondary level. Many such individuals would benefit from further education and from training in useful practical skills. This would lead to greater social inclusion of young people with such disabilities, to the full utilisation of their potential and to the possibility of employment for many of them.

In this connection, could the Commission:

- outline what action it has taken to support skills development for young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?
- provide details regarding the current EU funding opportunities available for both publicly and privately run organisations which provide skills training for young people with such disabilities?
- identify the skills development opportunities available in Ireland for young people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or recommend relevant sources of information or funding?
- provide details of future funding opportunities under the Multiannual Financial Framework 2014-2020 for programmes which support and encourage the social inclusion of young people with intellectual and developmental disabilities?