Question for written answer P-000217/2016 to the Commission Rule 130 Giorgos Grammatikakis (S&D)

Subject: Suspension of funding of Erasmus + Youth Sector in Greece

The financing of youth organisations in Greece under Erasmus + has been abruptly suspended. Even programmes that were approved by the INEDIVIM (Youth & Lifelong Learning Foundation) in 2014 have not received any funding.

On 28 April 2015, the National Coordination Unit announced that, in respect of applications submitted during the evaluation periods Round 1/2015 and Round 2/2015, the evaluation procedure and the issue of the grant decision would not take place directly.

On 7 July 2015, a ministerial decision was issued transferring the implementation of Erasmus + Youth Sector from the INEDIVIM to the IKY (State Scholarship Foundation).

On 25 September 2015 - just 5 days before the deadline - the Ministry of Education announced the suspension of the submission of applications for Round 3/2015.

No announcement has been made about the submission of applications for Round 1/2016.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

What measures will it take in respect of programmes which were already approved by the National Coordination Unit in 2014, but have not received funding?

What measures will it take regarding the management of applications submitted in Round 1/2015 and Round 2/2015?

Has it received the necessary documents ensuring that the National Coordination Unit meets the conditions for the management of funding and what steps will it take to ensure the implementation of the programme at the earliest opportunity?