

**Question for written answer E-015180/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Youth Guarantee Programme - Prospects for 2017-2020

Considering that:

- The Multi-Year Financial Framework covers the period 2014-2020, but the Youth Guarantee Programme only refers to the years 2014-2016. It is therefore important to analyse the steps that the European Commission is going to take in the remaining years to combat youth unemployment;
- The International Labour Organisation points out that putting in place an effective programme to combat youth unemployment, in the euro area alone, would cost EUR 21 billion. In 2011, the economic loss resulting from the removal of young people from the job market was estimated at EUR 153 billion in the Member States, representing 1.2 % of the EU's GDP;
- There is a great difference between social programmes to support young people and employability programmes. The latter should be a priority for the Commission, given that access to the job market automatically improves the social standing of young Europeans;

I ask the Commission:

- What are the next initiatives it is planning to take to continue supporting the fight against youth unemployment?
- Will it maintain the Youth Guarantee as a priority and increase the budget available at the mid-term review of the MFF?
- What kind of programmes should be supported over the period 2017-2020? Does it see the creation of genuine Employment Programmes rather than simply Social Programmes to support young people as a priority?