

**Question for written answer E-014455/2015
to the Commission**

Rule 130

Fernando Maura Barandiarán (ALDE) and Enrique Calvet Chambon (ALDE)

Subject: Further request regarding the working conditions of trainees in Europe

The Commission's answer to the written question of 2 July 2015 'Progress made in the implementation of the recommendation on a Quality Framework for Traineeships', co-signed by more than 70 MEPs (E-010744-15), stated: 'Member States have to provide information to the Commission on measures taken in accordance with this framework by the end of 2015. Based on this, the Commission will report on progress in applying the framework in 2016'.

Apart from the timeline, the *raison d'être* of the written question was clearly also to address labour abuses affecting trainees across the Member States: it is a well-known reality that traineeships today offer increasingly little educational value, and instead are replacing real jobs.

Therefore, given the large participation by MEPs in this political priority and the importance of traineeships in achieving the EU target of 75 % youth employment, we would like to reiterate the following requests:

- What concrete measures will the Commission propose to monitor the lack of transparency regarding working conditions for trainees in the EU?
- Despite the fact that information from Member States is not yet available, what action will the Commission take to call on providers of traineeships to commit to quality standards and to apply a clear and coherent code of conduct?