

Question for written answer E-014751/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: EU jobs plan

On 11 November 2015, the Dutch Minister of Social Affairs and Employment stated that sectoral plans designed to prevent unemployment had failed. One-quarter of the EUR 600 million earmarked for this purpose remains unspent and it is far from clear how many people have found jobs thanks to the amount of EUR 450 million in public funding, together with funding from the individual sectors.

The Netherlands has a long tradition of failed government job creation schemes introduced at high cost to the taxpayer where the market cannot afford to do so. The number of jobs actually created is far from sufficient to offset those lost as a result of higher taxes.

In view of this:

Can the Commission explain why it believes that the problem of youth unemployment in the EU can be effectively resolved using a EUR 8 billion funding package from the 2014 and 2015 budgets and indicate where it believes that the Netherlands Government has gone wrong?

Has it yet seen any results some results from the deployment of these funds and can it say at what point it will be possible to regard this as a success?

Can it indicate the cost of each job created?