

**Question for written answer E-015178/2015  
to the Commission  
Rule 130  
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Subject: European Investment Bank - Youth entrepreneurship

Considering that:

- The EC promoted the Youth Guarantee Programme with the Member State, and the latest team headed by Jean-Claude Juncker has proposed making available EUR 1 billion this year from the funding for the Youth Employment Initiative;

According to Jyrki Katainen, the Vice-President of the Commission, the Commission's top priority is to 'to strengthen Europe's competitiveness, stimulate investment and create jobs. The EUR 315 billion Investment Plan can create millions of new jobs – not least for young people. But even when new jobs are created it is often very difficult for young people to successfully enter the job market';

- It might be advantageous to set up a European Youth Fund similar to the European Strategic Investment Fund (Juncker Plan), in addition to the Youth Guarantee Programme, exclusively to support youth entrepreneurship projects (start-ups) as was discussed last year between Angela Merkel and François Hollande;

I ask the Commission:

- What European funding streams are currently available for youth entrepreneurship projects?
- Does it think a European Youth Fund similar to the European Strategic Investment Fund could be set up, solely aimed at supporting youth entrepreneurship projects?