

**Question for written answer E-016023/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: The effectiveness of the Youth Guarantee scheme

The Youth Guarantee scheme is supposed to be a success story, but the results vary from country to country.

The evaluation carried out by the European Foundation for the Improvement of Living and Working Conditions found that in Finland in 2011, 83.5 % of young job seekers received a successful offer within 3 months of registering as unemployed. In Slovenia the evaluation showed a decline in the number of young unemployed people at the beginning of 2014, which can partly be explained by the implementation of the Youth Guarantee scheme. Data shows that unemployed people under the age of 30 who had taken part in a Youth Guarantee scheme received 40 % more referrals for job vacancies than those who had not participated. They also had 10 times more meetings with employers and were 70 % more involved in training. Youth employment was 24 % higher than in the previous year.

The results of the evaluation for Slovenia are notified as 'satisfactory'. The Youth Guarantee scheme project shows that the costs mainly outweigh the benefits.

Out of the many programmes implemented under the Youth Guarantee scheme, which one has shown the best results?

How does the Commission evaluate the effectiveness of the programmes which support internships?
Does the Commission support paid or unpaid internships?