

**Question for written answer E-014880/2015
to the Commission
Rule 130
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Subject: Mass exodus of young Greeks abroad

According to a report on a Greek website¹, more and more young people are starting intensive language courses to improve their knowledge of one or more foreign languages, solely in order to seek work abroad. More specifically, the School of Foreign Languages of the University of Athens already has 22 foreign language programmes. This is the most striking evidence of the trend among young Greek graduates to emigrate due to the economic crisis and the inability of successive Greek governments to implement development policies to stem the exodus of young people abroad; as a result, Greece is losing its most important resources - resources on which the development and future of Greek society depends.

In view of the above, will the Commission say:

- Is it aware of this major problem facing Greece and the impact of the exodus of the most productive segment of Greek society?
- Given the current situation in Greece, what measures will it take to change this situation by helping to stem the mass exodus of young Greek graduates abroad in search of work?

¹ <http://www.kathimerini.gr/831656/article/epikairothta/ellada/ma8ainoyn-3enes-glwsses-gia-na-fygoyh>