

**Question for written answer E-015859/2015**  
**to the Commission**  
Rule 130  
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Subject: Commission support for youth action teams

According to the recently-published Special Report No 17/2015 of the European Court of Auditors, entitled 'Commission support of youth action teams', the youth action teams (YATs) – which were set up by the Commission in 2012 to help Member States with the highest levels of youth unemployment (Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Portugal, Slovakia and Spain) redirect and re-programme resources from the European Social Fund (totalling EUR 10 000 million) that were still available in the Member States concerned – have managed to redirect funding to support young people, but the proposals made by experts were 'limited by the level and quality of information available' as the Commission 'focused mainly on budgetary aspects' rather than on improving young persons' employability.

What steps will the Commission take in this area to ensure that in future these types of measure prioritise achievement of the stated objectives, without prejudicing the optimisation of budgetary outcomes, while at the same time ensuring a more positive ex-post evaluation?