

Question for written answer E-014976/2015
to the Commission
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Subject: Improving progress on the Youth Employment Initiative across the EU

The Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) operates under a total budget of EUR 6.4 billion for 2014-2020, with the sole purpose of improving the employability of young people under the age of 25.

The initiative is a pillar of the Youth Guarantee, which was analysed in European Court of Auditors Special Report 03/2015. Some of the report's main conclusions focused on the slow take-up of the initiative and its problematic implementation across the EU by the Member States.

In this connection, what progress had been made on the YEI in the Member States as at October 2015? What will the Commission do to urge the Member States to implement the YEI?

As regards the evaluation of the YEI in 2016, will the Commission focus on outcomes rather than funds absorption, and analyse how local authorities implement YEI-funded initiatives?