

**Question for written answer E-014659/2015
to the Commission**
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Subject: Problem of young graduates remains unresolved

In Romania, young people are becoming increasingly interested in agriculture. Many opt for this sector on enrolling at university. As a result, 28 000 students are at agricultural universities, while around 48 000 are studying closely related subjects at 25 other faculties. On graduating, however, they have difficulty in obtaining employment because of their lack of experience.

Agriculture is constantly evolving and it cannot be denied that this is, to a certain extent, a good thing for all. However, students need to see the changes and developments for themselves by means of specific projects at research centres or compulsory hands-on training programmes that could be regarded as practical farming experience acquired by the end of the degree course.

Is the Commission envisaging ways of helping students enter the labour market, ensuring that traineeships completed while studying are regarded as work experience, thereby helping to reduce long-term youth unemployment?