

**Question for written answer E-014658/2015
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Problem facing vocational training providers

Under Government Decision No 567/2015 amending Government Decision No 918/2013 adopting the National Qualifications Framework, vocational training providers will no longer be able to offer courses for adults with university degrees. This amendment to the legislation will come into force on 1 January 2016, when universities will be the only institutions that will be authorised to provide courses for adults at levels 5 and 6.

This decision will have a range of consequences. Firstly, authorised training providers, public institutions, foundations and associations that currently offer courses at levels 5 and 6 will no longer be able to do so and may be forced into insolvency. Secondly, the adult vocational training market will come to a standstill, which may result in a rise in unemployment. Thirdly, one consequence at macroeconomic level will be that it will be impossible to achieve the target of boosting adult participation in lifelong learning programmes from 2% in 2013 to 10% in 2020, as laid down in the 2014-2020 Partnership Agreement.

What view does the Commission take of the Government's decision no longer to allow authorised providers to offer courses for adults with university degrees?