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## Youth employment

### Commission proposal a boost for youth employment scheme roll-out

The European Parliament today approved a proposal to increase the initial pre-financing amount of the European Youth Employment Initiative (1). After the vote, Green employment and youth spokesperson **Terry Reintke** said:

*"This will give a welcome boost to the Youth Employment Initiative and hopefully address the limited uptake of the scheme so far. The increased pre-financing rate should make it easier for cash-strapped regions to participate and we hope this is now swiftly implemented, so the benefits can filter through to young people who are struggling to find jobs."*

*"With crisis-hit EU member states those most affected by rocketing youth unemployment, EU support is essential. The vote by the European Parliament today is a strong signal. Now it is up to the member states to stop finding excuses and start acting. The over 7 million young people in the EU currently not in employment, education or training need to be given some kind of perspective."*

(1) The European Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) aims to support particularly young people not in education, employment or training in regions with more than 25 % youth unemployment. It is funded by 3.2 billion EUR from the European Social Fund (ESF) and 3.2 billion EUR from a dedicated Youth Employment budget line. The proposal by the European Commission, which has been approved by the European Parliament today, is aimed at increasing the pre-financing amount for the ESF allocation of the YEI from 1-1.5 % to 30 %. The increase would allow make it easier for member states to quickly set up projects in their regions.

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