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to the Commission**

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Subject: Ageing teachers in the European education system

According to a survey of Spain's education system conducted in 2014 by the Consejo Escolar del Estado [national schools council], one out of every three Spanish primary and secondary school teachers is aged over 50, and only 8 % of them are under 30.

The situation is similar in other European countries: the Eurostat figures for 2012 confirm that teachers are ageing in Germany, Italy, Portugal, Estonia and the Netherlands. The countries with the youngest teachers are the United Kingdom and Malta.

Ageing teachers are now a challenge for the EU education sector. In its annual 'Education at a Glance' report for 2012, the OECD identified several areas in European education that are likely to create challenges in the near future; an ageing teaching force is one of the most urgent of them.

1. After the 2012 report, what measures have been adopted to solve this problem that brings with it a sharp drop in Europe's educational standards?