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to the Commission
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Subject: Commission report on employment: situation in Italy

According to the latest Commission report on Employment and Social Developments in Europe, Italy has the lowest number of university graduates aged between 30 and 34 and its policies for tackling high youth unemployment in the country are extremely limited in scope. After Spain, Italy has recorded the highest number of job losses since the start of the economic crisis (i.e. between 2008 and 2014). The very large cuts being made to education and training budgets are a matter of grave concern and the rise in unemployment, particularly among young people, has also significantly increased the levels of poverty and social exclusion in the country.

1. What urgent structural reforms should Italy introduce in order to improve the employment situation in general and, in particular, create more jobs for young people?
2. What measures will the Commission suggest the Italian authorities take to foster investment in human capital and in a better education and training system?
3. What can be done to stimulate public investment that will in turn leverage private investment, given the budgetary limits imposed by the Stability and Growth Pact?