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to the Commission**

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Subject: Fomenting apprentice training

The European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training has pointed out that, despite the benefits produced by apprentice training in shaping vocational education and training to suit the labour market, the system is still underused.

What measures does the Commission propose for fomenting apprentice training as a means of combating the high levels of youth unemployment?

What steps have been taken to encourage businesses to commit to offering apprenticeship training positions for young people?