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to the Commission**

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Subject: Underachievement at school in Spain

According to Eurostat figures published on 20 April 2015, Spain's school drop-out rate is 21.9%. This percentage, moreover, is roughly double the European average, which stands at 11.1%. There is also a difference in terms of sex: whereas the average male drop-out rate in Spain is 25.6%, the female rate is 18.1%.

In five years Spain will have to bring early school leaving down to 15%, the EU target for 2020.

What measures will the Commission take to enable the 15% target rate for early school leaving to be reached in all Member States and in Spain in particular?