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to the Commission**

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Subject: Measures to address the skills gap

Approximately 20 % of young people in the EU do not meet the minimum basic skills levels in reading, mathematics and science. Six million young people leave the education and training system having completed only the first stage of secondary education, or having not even completed that.

This lack of training, together with a low level of education and lack of qualifications, is contributing to the current high rate of youth unemployment within the EU.

In addition, there is a skills gap, due to the fact that entrepreneurs have vacancies in sectors where there are no people prepared for the specific role.

What measures is the Commission adopting to improve the skills of our youth and to ensure that these skills meet the requirements of companies to avoid this skills gap?