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to the Commission**  
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Subject: Education and training for adults in the EU

Ensuring that EU citizens keep developing their knowledge, skills and competence throughout their lives is vital for employment, competitiveness and innovation. In the long term, skills can stimulate the concentration of higher-level skills in the EU and shape the future labour market.

For less-well-educated and low-income citizens, education is a more difficult proposition. According to the European Adult Education Survey results, when asked about the obstacles to their participation in lifelong learning, nearly 40 % of respondents stated that they did not need it for their job.

This indicates that many people do not believe they have the opportunity to develop in their career, and also shows that they attach little value to the idea of learning for learning's sake. This said, are policies properly targeted at those most in need and is online information reaching – or missing – its intended audience?

Is the Commission performing to the best of its ability to improve opportunities for adults lacking basic skills or sufficient qualifications through efficient communication?