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to the Commission
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Subject: European programmes to provide agricultural training for disadvantaged young people

School dropout among young people between 14 and 22 in rural areas is still a problem in countries in the east of the European Union, owing in particular to the lack of financial resources available to small farmers. Their children may wish to continue their studies in other areas, but they do not have the necessary financial support. Consequently, many of them choose to remain in rural areas and train as farmers. Many of them have no way of attending an agricultural college 100 km away, for example, but the local authorities may offer training courses. Can the Commission say whether any European programmes are available to the Member States which would cover agricultural training for young people, and which might be accessed by the regional/local authorities?