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to the Commission
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Subject: Youth Employment Initiative

Today, more than 4.5 million young people between the ages of 15 and 24 are jobless in the EU. The youth unemployment rate is more than double the overall rate and disguises considerable differences between countries.

The EU's overall objective is to achieve a 75% employment rate among the active population as a whole (persons aged between 20 and 64). Many initiatives and strategies to foster youth employment have been carried out in the EU in recent years.

In February 2016, the International Labour Organisation launched the global initiative on decent jobs for youth with a view to creating jobs for young people and helping them make the transition to working life.

Youth employment is also the centrepiece of the UN's Sustainable Development Agenda 2030.

Can the Commission say what progress has been made in achieving the objectives set in the area of youth employment?