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to the Commission**

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Subject: Migrants' skills and creating assisted jobs

In response to the mass influx of migrants in recent months (sources put the figure at anywhere between 1 and 6 million for legal migrants alone), the EU is seeking to integrate as many of the people concerned as possible into the European labour market in an effort to help them get their lives back on track and offer them a stable future. The Commission's target is to guarantee migrants a job within six months of them applying to stay in the EU.

Studies show that migrants entering the EU legally claim to have a wide range of skills, but in fact the majority of them have very few qualifications, or none at all; many of them have no official proof of their qualifications.

At the same time, there is currently a complete mismatch between the skills EU job seekers have once they have finished their training and those that firms actually need.

Will the jobs that the EU seems so keen to create meet the real needs of firms, the public sector and society as a whole, or will they in fact be conjured up to meet the needs of migrants, with the sole purpose of keeping them busy and paying them a wage, regardless of the benefits for society?