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to the Commission**

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Subject: 'No Lost Generation' programme - Education for refugees

The European Agenda on Migration states: 'Our migration policy will succeed if underpinned by effective integration policies. Although the competence lies primarily with Member States, the European Union can support actions by national governments, local authorities and civil society engaged in the complex and long-term process of fostering integration and mutual trust'.

Education is the best tool not only for integration but also to protect children from child labour, early marriage, radicalisation and poverty. It is an investment in the children's future, since one day they will return to their country of origin and will need to rebuild it.

What programmes aimed at providing education and professional training to refugees in the EU are being funded by the Union? Does the Commission intend to propose to the Member states that they open their education systems to refugees and thus support them with the necessary funds?

The programme 'No Lost Generation', which is funded by, among other partners, the EU and UNICEF, works on education, child protection and youth across the five refugee-hosting countries, namely Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt, serving as an instrument for integration and peace-building.

Is the Commission following the implementation of this programme? If so, how does it consider this programme could be implemented in the EU?