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to the Commission**

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Subject: Brain drain and the EU Blue Card

The EU Blue Card mechanism should be improved to encourage highly qualified migrants to move to Europe. To resolve skills shortfalls in some Member States, workers with desired profiles are being hired from countries outside Europe, whilst at the same time young graduates are emigrating en masse.

1. By encouraging international mobility, is the Commission not becoming guilty of siphoning off skills from third countries to benefit Europe?
2. Why is the Commission promoting such a mechanism when the most qualified young Europeans are moving abroad in droves?
3. By tolerating a brain drain, is the Commission not becoming the cause of a new form of social dumping?