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to the Commission**
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Subject: Jobs for young people in tourism

Youth unemployment has become one of the EU's most pressing problems. 5.5 million people under the age of 25 in the EU are currently unable to find work – almost a quarter of all people in that age group.

One of Europe's principle common aims is to remain the world's most-visited tourist destination. 12 % of jobs in the EU result indirectly from tourism. We should not forget that youth employment is highest in this sector. There are so many employment opportunities in the field of tourism that there is a place for everyone, regardless of their level of qualifications.

What action has the Commission taken so far to facilitate young people finding work in tourism? What does it intend to do in the near future in this area?