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to the Commission
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Subject: Traineeship mobility in Europe

European mobility programmes, such as the flagship programme Erasmus+, continue to play an essential role. In this context, full support must be given to traineeship mobility.

The figures published by the Commission early in 2016 show that 22% of Erasmus periods in the year 2013-2014 were traineeships, a year-on-year increase of 9%. It is also highlighted that since 2007, 290 000 people have taken part in the Erasmus programme of traineeships in companies, 80% of these placements being in SMEs.

These results are to be welcomed. Nevertheless, we must continue to encourage both public and private stakeholders, and European citizens, to participate in these exchanges. Steps must also be taken to ensure that the legal and administrative framework is the most appropriate possible and thus remove unjustified barriers to mobility under Erasmus+.

1. Can the Commission indicate whether, in terms of mobility, the proportion of traineeships has continued to increase since 2014?
2. Has the Commission taken steps recently to identify barriers to mobility under the Erasmus+ programme, particularly with regard to traineeships?
3. What measures does it consider necessary in order to improve the current system?