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to the Commission**

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Subject: ALMA initiative

In her State of the Union speech last year the Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced that an initiative known as ALMA, short for Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve, would be set up.

The aim of ALMA will be to help young people find their way onto the job market, and especially NEETs between 18 and 30 years old who, for personal or structural reasons (e.g. disability, long-term unemployment, poor school record, insufficient vocational skills, migration), find it harder to get work or training.

The plan is for ALMA to offer participants a mentored two to six-month stay in another EU Member State as part of a comprehensive project cycle with coaching and counselling at each stage of the project.

1. When does the Commission plan to present ALMA formally to Parliament and the Council?
2. How much funding will ALMA receive from the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+)?
3. What role will cross-border regions in the EU, such as Galicia and northern Portugal, for example, play in ALMA?