

**Question for written answer E-000661/2023
to the Commission**

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Subject: Vocational education and training in the context of the green transition

More than three-quarters of companies in the EU are currently reporting difficulties in finding workers with the necessary skills. In addition, only one-sixth of IT specialists and one-third of STEM graduates are women. Member States want to promote the idea of lifelong learning and have endorsed the EU's social objectives for 2030, which include having at least 60% of adults participating in training every year. The priority tasks under the European Funds for Social Development (FERS) include vocational education, which will prepare staff for the development of the Polish economy. Currently, owing to the war in Ukraine, there is strong demand for skilled workers in the coal mining industry.

In this connection:

Does the Commission envisage specific projects in its vocational training programme to prevent labour shortages in the mining sector?

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