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Subject: Empowering European youth: post-pandemic employment and social recovery

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating effect on the employment and social status of young people in the EU, creating a need for immediate action to secure and improve their future and well-being. President von der Leyen designated 2022 as the European Year of Youth, a year to reflect on and genuinely improve the prospects and rights of young people in the EU through their post-pandemic economic, employment and social recovery.

1. How does the Council plan to help young people to gain quality and fair remuneration for work, traineeship and apprenticeship experience while ensuring access to social entitlements through programmes such as the reinforced Youth Guarantee and Aim, Learn, Master, Achieve (ALMA)?
2. How does it plan to support the integration of the youth pillar in the Recovery and Resilience Facility with funding from the European Social Fund Plus and national investments? How will it be monitored?
3. What are the Council's ambitions in relation to the employment, social and mental health recovery of young people and what concrete action is it taking? How will these actions address the specific needs of more vulnerable groups of young people?
4. How do the Member States plan to update the reinforced Youth Guarantee schemes?
5. How will the Council ensure equal treatment for young people in the labour market as regards working conditions, including wages?

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