



## EUROPEAN COMMISSION

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*Mr Roberto FICO  
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*Dear President,*

*The Commission would like to thank the Camera dei Deputati for its Opinion on the Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions - Youth Employment Support: a Bridge to Jobs for the Next Generation {COM(2020)276 final} and on the Proposal for a Council Recommendation on A Bridge to Jobs - Reinforcing the Youth Guarantee and replacing Council Recommendation of 22 April 2013 on establishing a Youth Guarantee {COM(2020)277 final}.*

*The Proposal, which was adopted by the Council on 30 October 2020, and the Communication contribute to the post-Covid-19 recovery strategy, and flow from the Commission Work Programme 2020. Their aim is to help young people in the EU to enter the labour market, in particular in the difficult situation due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, they highlight the need to step up support to vulnerable groups, embed the green and digital transitions in youth employment policies, and make sure that young people have the right skills to enter the labour market. The proposal pays particular attention to the prevention of inactivity, stepping up guidance measures as well as the monitoring of the implementation of the Youth Guarantee.*

*The Commission welcomes the Camera dei Deputati's broad support for the aims of the proposal. The Commission shares the Chamber's concern for the quality of traineeships, and follows closely the implementation of the Council Recommendation of 10 March 2014 on the Quality Framework for Traineeships<sup>1</sup>. It has taken note of the European Parliament's call to ban unpaid traineeships and is examining the topic, value added and constraints, including the competence of the Commission to act – in particular in case of curricular traineeships – when it comes to a possible legal instrument.*

*The Commission would like to point to other recent developments, such as the Directive on Transparent and Predictable Working Conditions, the Recommendation on Access to Social Protection for All and the proposal for a Directive on Adequate Minimum Wages*

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<sup>1</sup> OJ C 88, 27.3.2014, p. 1–4

*in the EU, which also contribute to the quality of working conditions of young trainees and workers.*

*The Commission can assure the Camera dei Deputati that social partner organisations at EU level were consulted when drafting the proposals.*

*The Commission hopes that the clarifications provided in this reply address the issues raised by the Camera dei Deputati and looks forward to continuing the political dialogue in the future.*

*Yours faithfully,*

*Maroš Šefčovič  
Vice-President*

*Nicolas Schmit  
Member of the Commission*