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DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR EMPLOYMENT, SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND INCLUSION

The Director-General

Brussels,  
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**Subject: First-phase consultation of Social Partners under Article 154 TFEU  
on a possible action further improving the quality of traineeships**

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

On 29 June 2023, the Commission transmitted its response to the European Parliament on its intended follow-up to the resolution on quality traineeships in the EU under Article 225 TFEU <sup>(1)</sup>. The Commission welcomed the resolution and, with regard to the European Parliament's specific requests for legislative action, confirmed that, as part of its planned initiative on a reinforced quality framework for traineeships announced in the Commission Work Programme 2023 <sup>(2)</sup>, and in line with the commitment made by President von der Leyen in her Political Guidelines, the Commission intends to follow up with a proposal for a legislative act, in full respect of the proportionality, subsidiarity and better law-making principles.

The Commission also indicated that, in line with Article 154 TFEU, it would launch a two-phase consultation of EU social partners on the possible direction of European Union action, and recalled that social partners might also decide to negotiate in view of reaching an agreement under Article 155 TFEU.

In the light of the Commission's 2023 evaluation of the 2014 Council Recommendation on a Quality Framework for Traineeships, the attached consultation paper identifies a number of areas in which measures could be envisaged to further improve the quality of traineeships in the EU. It also asks if the EU level social partners wish to initiate a dialogue under Article 155 TFEU on any of the issues identified.

I would be grateful to receive your responses to this consultation by 15 September 2023. Please send your replies to: [EMPL-SOCIAL-DIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu](mailto:EMPL-SOCIAL-DIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu).

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<sup>(1)</sup> [https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0239\\_EN.html](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/TA-9-2023-0239_EN.html)

<sup>(2)</sup> [https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2023\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/strategy-documents/commission-work-programme/commission-work-programme-2023_en)

Yours sincerely,



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Enclosure: First-phase consultation document

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