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The Director-General

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For the attention of EU social
partner organisations

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

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

In accordance with President von der Leyen's Political Guidelines, the Commission is committed to follow up on resolutions adopted by the European Parliament under Article 225 TFEU with a legislative proposal, in full respect of the proportionality, subsidiarity and better law-making principles.

In line with Article 154 TFEU, the Commission carried out the first phase consultation of European social partners from 11 July to 15 September 2023 to seek their views on the need for, and possible direction of, EU action to further improve the quality of traineeships in the Union.

My services have now drafted a consultation document and an analytical document, with a view to carrying out the second phase consultation of social partners, in accordance with Article 154(3) TFEU, on the envisaged content of the EU action.

This second phase consultation document outlines the main results of the first phase consultation and analyses the identified challenges, as well as the need for and added value of EU action. It also seeks social partners' views on the objectives and the possible avenues for EU action set out in the document. Finally, it asks whether the social partners wish to enter into negotiations with a view to concluding an agreement under Article 155 TFEU. The accompanying analytical document complements the consultation document with additional evidence.

I would be grateful to receive your responses to this consultation by 9 November 2023. Please send your replies to: EMPL-SOCIAL-DIALOGUE@ec.europa.eu.

Yours faithfully,

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Enclosure: Second phase consultation document
Analytical document

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