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Dear Colleagues

Some weeks ago, we informed you about the **evaluation of the 2014 Council Recommendation on a Quality Framework for Traineeships (QFT)**, carried out by the European Commission's Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion. We invited you to disseminate the related survey directed at trainees. The trainee survey has been extended and will remain open until 25 March, but we wish already to thank you for having helped us collect as many responses from trainees as possible.

As part of this same evaluation, the Commission has now launched a **Public Consultation**. The aim of the Public Consultation is to collect, as widely as possible, views on the challenges linked to traineeships (outside education curricula), barriers to the implementation of the QFT and any impact the framework has had on the quality of traineeships. The public consultation also touches upon how the QFT could be improved and under what conditions traineeships could facilitate young people's access to the labour market. **Your views, as important actors in the field of youth education and employment, would be very welcome.**

The Public Consultation is available in 24 EU languages through the Commission's 'Have Your Say' portal, as well as directly through this link:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/c1304a7a-2d01-351f-492d-39e32de637a6>

The consultation is open to all stakeholders interested in traineeships. Therefore, we would be grateful if you could help us, in addition to **responding to the survey**, also by **disseminating the link to your networks**.

The consultation will remain open for 12 weeks, i.e. **until 13 June**. The results will be published on the Commission's Have Your Say portal. The respondents can choose whether they would prefer to have their details published or to remain anonymous when the contributions are published.

Possible questions on the survey can be addressed to the following mailbox of the Commission:

EMPL-VT-2021-024@ec.europa.eu

We thank you again for your time and your support on this.

Yours sincerely,

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