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SUBJECT: Information on measures to tackle youth unemployment.
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TEXT:

On 30 January, during the informal summit of the European Council, the Commission set up eight «Action teams» to sent to the eight European countries with the highest rates of youth unemployment (Italy, Spain, Greece, Slovakia, Lithuania, Portugal, Latvia and Ireland) announcing that 82 billion euros of unassigned European funds to be committed to initiatives for youth unemployment. On 23 May President Barroso presented the first results of the «action teams» through which about €7.3 billion of EU funds have been targeted for accelerated delivery or reallocation through this initiative, with at least 460 000 young people and 56 000 SMEs likely to benefit.

Can the Commission tell us:

- If there is an update on the work done by the «Action Teams» and the consultations with the other 7 countries with a youth unemployment rate above the EU average (Bulgaria, Cyprus, France, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Sweden);
- If there is more precise and recent information on funded projects and those undergoing approval, including any that might concern possible changes to operational programmes;
- If an analysis has been made of good practices and a long term action strategy for youth employment?
- If and when youth organizations have been consulted, as requested in the Communication of the European Commission «Youth opportunities» and in the resolution of the European Parliament of 24 May 2012 «Youth Opportunities», since it does not seem that any such actions have so far been taken;
- When we will see and what are the measures announced by President Barroso during his speech on the State of the Union when he mentioned, among other things, the launch of a "Youth Package" to create a youth guarantee scheme and a quality framework for vocational training?
- If the results are available of the consultation "quality framework to facilitate vocational training";
- An update on how the "Youth Opportunities Initiative" is progressing and what measures have been taken.

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