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Subject: Increasing the number of Commission's Blue Book Traineeship programme

Dear Ambassadors,

The European Commission and a number of its Agencies benefit from the contribution and fresh ideas that trainees bring from across Europe, during a 5-month traineeship twice a year. I am pleased to inform you that we are able to expand the Commission's Blue Book Traineeship programme, gradually increasing to reach the target of 1000 trainees for Commission services and Agencies.

I invite you to use this increase as an occasion to promote the Commission's traineeship programme among graduates from your country.

Established in 1960, the scheme has grown into one of the most prestigious and certainly the largest traineeship scheme for graduates in the world, in terms of applicants and trainees. Our regular surveys show that traineeships are carried out to great satisfaction of both the trainees and the services they work for.

Trainees get a unique chance to benefit from an in-depth understanding of the European Union from the inside, combined with an opportunity to gain quality and paid work experience. They can develop their leadership and other soft skills that can enhance their professional profile and position in the job market. Their work can be beneficial for the EU as a whole and they can be great ambassadors of Europe in their local communities as they bring institutions closer to citizens.

I would be most grateful if you could share the information about these new opportunities among potential candidates' and multipliers, such as university networks or student associations. Please do not hesitate to redirect anyone interested to the [Commission's traineeship website](#), where they can find all the necessary information.

I thank you for your cooperation.

Yours faithfully,

Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU