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to the Commission**

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Subject: Volunteering

At the Youth Convention on Volunteering organised by the European Youth Forum on Parliament's esplanade in Brussels in September 2011 as part of the European Year of Volunteer Activities and Active Citizenship, concerns were raised about the distinction between volunteering and paid and unpaid work.

How does the Commission intend to ensure the recognition on the labour market of skills and competencies acquired through volunteering and non-formal education?

How does the Commission intend to ensure that volunteering does not follow the same path as internships and become the new format for provision of a free labour force?