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According to the latest data from the report on the implementation of the National Strategy for Lifelong Learning (2014-2020), adopted by the Bulgarian National Assembly, the number of Bulgarians between 25 and 64 years of age who are studying or are in training is nearly six times lower than the European average. It is also nearly three times lower than the goals that our country has set to be met by 2020.

This gives cause for concern and shows that there is an urgent need for reforms and for a new approach to education and training, which covers all its stages – from pre-school to higher education and adult education – as well as targeting the lack of digital skills. Effective implementation of the strategy by various institutions and organisations is therefore a must.

In view of these results, I have the following questions for the Commission:

1. Does it intend to take the above-mentioned report into consideration with regard to specific guidelines, programmes and incentives for innovation in Bulgaria?
2. Does the Commission believe that additional measures could and should be taken to increase the effectiveness of the adopted Strategy for Lifelong Learning (2014-2020)? Does the Commission envisage taking such measures and, if so, what forms would these take?