Promoting youth access to the labour market, strengthening trainee, internship and apprenticeship status

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Ministers had a discussion on youth employment policies. The discussion was based on a presidency background paper and the following questions:

- what, in your view, are the most effective ways of reducing the impact of unemployment on young people, and what can be done to ensure that they do not continue to be the group worst affected by labour market segmentation, with repercussions on job quality and on their ability to remain in work?
- to what extent and in what way should youth employment policies and action to combat unemployment as part of the strategy on growth and jobs be seen in the light of quantified reduction targets? Should specific indicators be set for young people?