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Across the EU, training and skills initiatives are crucial to enhance employability, support labour market transitions, and promote fair working conditions, in line with the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Union of Skills. At the same time, to be effective and relevant, training programmes need to respond to the actual needs of companies and workers. This can be achieved through the involvement of social partners – including trade unions. This is also a cornerstone of EU social dialogue¹.

The Commission remains committed to ensuring EU funds serve workers' interests and promote social justice. In this respect, the Commission monitors implementation to prevent misuse, including through audits and evaluations under shared management with Member States. The Commission expects transparency and accountability in funds management. Allegations of mismanagement are addressed by national authorities, in line with the shared management principles and, where fraud concerning EU funds is suspected, also by European Independent Bodies².

¹ Article 154 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

² OLAF (European Anti-Fraud Office) or the European Public Prosecutor's Office.