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to the Commission**

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Subject: Poverty in southern European countries

The European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion is one of seven flagship initiatives of the Europe 2020 strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

The Platform is based on five areas for action: **delivering measures across the whole policy spectrum; better use of EU funds to support social inclusion; promoting** robust evidence of what does and does not work in **social policy innovations** before implementing them more widely; **working in partnership with civil society** to contribute more effectively to the implementation of social policy reforms; and, lastly, **enhanced policy coordination among EU countries.**

Given that these commitments form a fundamental part of the strategy to be developed with a view to combating child poverty in the future and that numerous NGOs and civil society associations have called for the above commitments to be implemented, we should like to ask the Commission:

1. What mechanisms will there be to monitor the steps taken in the aforementioned five action areas?
2. How are they being developed?
3. In view of the present situation in the countries of southern Europe, what instruments will be employed to assess the results?