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to the Commission**

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Subject: Statute for a European mutual society

Not least in the light of the financial and employment crisis of recent years, in many Member States the social economy is a model with great potential for the development of fairer and more efficient market structures. At present, it would not be possible to develop mutual economy structures in all 28 Member States, given that national systems are very different and that there is no legal framework for mutuals in at least eight Member States.

Following the withdrawal of the proposal for a regulation on a European mutual society in 2006, and given the growing demand for legislation on this issue, as called for repeatedly by Parliament in the last parliamentary term, and the commitments made by DG Enterprise following the public consultation which concluded in June 2013, does the Commission intend to submit a new legislative proposal on a statute for a European mutual society, based on Article 114 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union?