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to the Commission**

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Subject: Reduction of pay gap

Various recent surveys have shown once again that the pay gap between men and women remains a huge problem in Europe. In many cases, far from narrowing, it keeps on getting wider.

The European Union has a Strategy on Gender Equality between men and women, which comes to an end in 2015. It includes plans for action to put an end to this gap in wages.

What have been the results of this Strategy to reduce the pay gap in the EU?

Does the Commission consider that the steps taken in terms of this Strategy to reduce the pay gap in the EU have been effective?

What fresh measures does the EU plan in light of the fact that the problem remains and even gets worse?