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to the Commission**
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Subject: Long-term unemployment

The EU economic and social context continues to be grim, for reasons including the fact that, according to the Commission's economic forecasts of autumn 2014, economic recovery remains fragile. According to the latest figures registered for 2013, long-term unemployment is at one of its highest levels in history, namely 5.1 % of the workforce in EU-28, and long-term unemployment has critical consequences in the lives of people, with the potential of leading to the emergence of structural unemployment in the EU. Policies regarding growth and job creation have varied territorial impacts, depending on the specificities of each EU region, and such regional differences have deepened since the onset of the crisis.

What is the European Commission's approach and what measures does the Commission envisage in order to stimulate growth and job creation, taking into account the territorial differences within the Member States and at the same time maintaining social cohesion, in order to reduce this very high level of long-term unemployment?