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to the Commission**

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Subject: Social aspects of economic governance

The *modus operandi* of the European Union, especially the European Semester and country-specific recommendations, is predicated on economic governance.

The social indicators proposed to date for the purpose of taking account of social aspects in economic governance, namely the long-term unemployment rate, the youth unemployment rate and the risk of poverty and social exclusion, are too limited to give an accurate picture of the social situation in Europe and yet the institutions rely on those indicators when defining the programmes imposed on the Member States.

1. Does the Commission plan to add other, more representative indicators in the short or medium term and, if so, which?
2. How does the Commission plan to guarantee, as promised, that social issues will be accorded the same importance as economic issues within the framework of economic governance?