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to the Commission**

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Subject: Economic recovery and poverty

The Commission has recently expressed the view that favourable economic conditions suggest the start of an economic recovery.

The Commission's figures are as follows: the European Union and the eurozone should see real GDP increase by 1.8 % and 1.5 % respectively in 2015, which represents a gain of 0.1 and 0.2 percentage points compared to the forecasts of three months ago. As for 2016, the Commission predicts growth of 2.1 % for the EU and 1.9 % for the eurozone.

Meanwhile, we are aware of very worrying figures from Eurostat that over 120 million European citizens are at risk of poverty.

What initiatives does the Commission intend to take to ensure that the early signs of growth have an impact on the battle against poverty, given that the strategy for the period 2010-2020 has reached its mid-point and its objectives are far from being met?