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to the Commission**

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Subject: Europe 2020 strategy and poverty

The Europe 2020 strategy has now reached its mid-point.

We know that one of its focus areas is to set ambitious objectives in the fight against poverty.

In view of the latest Eurostat figures, we are sadly aware that poverty remains at an unacceptable level within the EU, undermining citizens' trust in the European project. Without a doubt, this is the result of years of blind austerity.

Can the Commission explain its plans for a mid-term review of Europe 2020, in order to genuinely combat the poverty which is threatening more than 120 million of its citizens?