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The shift in our economic model towards more sustainable development will lead to radical changes in the EU labour market. New ways of producing, moving, consuming and working are emerging, creating a need for new professions to address the challenges of the 'green' economy. Highly-skilled professions will take shape in the fields of research and innovation and renewable energies, alongside what are sometimes precarious jobs linked to the development of services and more sustainable manufacturing methods.

- Preparing for this shift in the EU labour market will be a real challenge. Will the Commission ensure that European programmes such as the ERDF and the ESF are used appropriately to help SMEs and the workforce in the EU make the transition to a more sustainable economy?
- Can the Commission guarantee that these programmes will be used in a manner consistent with the policies and the resources employed by the founding Member States, without creating unfair competition to the benefit of the countries which joined most recently?