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to the Commission**

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Subject: Parents' migration

Approximately one million children in several Member States (Romania, Bulgaria, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia) have been left behind following the emigration of one or both of their parents. The development of these children is impaired by the absence of their parents' affection. In recent years, after the two waves of openness towards workforce mobility, in 2004 and 2007, there have been cases where children have committed suicide.

How does the Commission stimulate and facilitate the assisted return of parents to their country of origin? Is there a strategy in this regard, coupled with a financial instrument? Is the Commission considering the promotion of actions seeking to identify solutions that may support the voluntary and assisted return of parents? Are there studies regarding the situation of these families in the European Union?