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to the Commission**

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Subject: Disparity in EU holiday entitlements

Wide discrepancies persist across the EU in terms of paid holiday entitlement. Statutory annual leave and public holidays can range from 28 to 39 days.

The minimum number of days of annual leave ranges from 20 to 25. Six Member States (including the UK) provide for just 20 days, while a further seven Member States provide for 25 days. Spain and Portugal provide for 22 days.

While the EU's 1993 Working Time Directive mandates paid holiday of at least 20 days, Portugal has cancelled 4 of its 13 public holidays.

In view of the need to harmonise employment practices in Europe, what measures can the Commission take to define and guarantee minimum paid holiday in the Member States?