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to the Commission**

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Subject: Unemployment - the crisis is widening the gap between regions

Data processed by Eurostat shows that unemployment in Italy has doubled, increasing from 6.1% in 2007 to 12.2% in 2013, with, above all, the gap between the various regions widening.

The regions of north-eastern Italy have recorded the best results during the crisis; the province of Bolzano has in fact seen its unemployment rate increase by 1.8% and that of Trento by 3.7%, while the rates in Puglia and Campania have increased respectively from 11.2% to 19.8% and from 11.2% to 21.5%.

It has definitely been young people who have suffered the worst effects of the crisis, since the percentage of jobless young people rose from 20.3% in 2007 to 40% in 2013, multiplying in nearly all the Italian regions. Here too, there is a dramatic gap between north and south.

Can the Commission therefore say whether and how it will take measures to frame social policies with a view to providing full support for the unemployed, by improving intermediation to match labour demand with labour supply in relation to the gap between the regions?