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to the Commission**
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Subject: Combating poverty - gender equality

Combating poverty is one of the five measurable targets proposed for EU 2020, encouraging the adoption of national policies to protect women from the risk of poverty in particular. Gender equality is a major tool for fighting poverty among women, as it has a positive impact on productivity and economic growth and leads to greater female participation in the labour market, which in turn has many social and economic benefits.

In this context, what are the Member States and Commission doing to encourage the exchange of best practice in connection with legislative and budgetary instruments to combat poverty?

Is the Commission giving consideration to a strategy that would introduce new individual indicators for poverty among women, along with an instrument to monitor the impact that social, economic and employment policies are having on poverty among women?