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to the Commission**
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Subject: Gender equality/ageing

The Europe 2020 strategy objective of a 75 % employment rate for both men and women places a particular emphasis on the participation of older women in the labour market.

Importantly, the economic engagement of older women contributes to their pension coverage/entitlement and can help them to avoid poverty traps in older age on the condition that they are not obliged to work to avoid such traps. It also contributes to economic growth and adds to the tax base.

Can the Commission describe future proposals and/or reforms on adequate, sustainable and safe pension systems in order to eliminate inequalities between women and men in the EU as part of the policy responses needed to address the Europe 2020 strategy?

How could synergies between national and EU policies be correlated in the area of gender equality and ageing?