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to the Commission**

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Subject: EMPL committee priorities and budget cuts

Despite being forced to take on more responsibilities, Parliament is currently facing up to the challenge of a substantial reduction in the EU budget, a problem compounded by a general lack of effectiveness in the way that funds are allocated. The EMPL committee with its key social cohesion priorities, dependent on structural funds, finds itself in a difficult state, as it is having to contend with less budgetary leeway than other committees, such as ECON.

- Why is the Commission not paying greater attention to the budget guidelines proposed by EMPL?
- At a time when budgets allocated to cohesion fund programmes are increasingly stretched, how can MEPs defend EU cohesion policy to their constituents?