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to the Commission**

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Subject: National powers and responsibilities in relation to EU minimum social rights

The Commission has plans to establish a minimum set of social rights to be achieved throughout the euro area. The measure is intended to complement structural reforms aimed at giving people in employment greater 'flexisecurity'. Introducing an effective EU-level set of social rights could mean encroaching on Member States' prerogatives: eroding the principle of national sovereignty via the legislation that underpins the EU institutions.

What part will Member States play in establishing a set of EU minimum social rights? Is cooperation with national parliaments envisaged?

The intention is to consolidate the planned measures with the creation of a European budgetary and fiscal framework.

Delegating responsibilities of this nature to the European Union would mean giving it political powers: what steps would have to be taken to effect such major reform of the EU institutions – amounting to the introduction of a kind of federalism?