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to the Commission**
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Subject: Precarious work - research - gender equality

Although precarious work has long been an important topic, the current economic and financial crisis has placed the focus on precarious work, and the issue of women especially in precarious employment has become very urgent. In this context, precarious work is a persistent characteristic of the labour market in the European Union, and women are most affected by this job insecurity.

Precarious work is not only a significant cause of the pay gap between women and men, but it is also an obstacle to career prospects which would lead to better jobs and professional development.

Given the lack of research in the field of precarious work, what plans does the Commission have to support projects that intend to improve the research regarding precarious work across the European Union in compliance with the objectives of the Europe 2020 Strategy, taking into account the gender dimension as well?