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to the Commission
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Subject: Need for a special investment plan for subregions with high unemployment levels

Unemployment is one of the most serious problems a country can have. In 2014, according to Eurostat data, 61 European regions in eight EU countries had unemployment rates of between 14 % and 34.8 %, and 63 regions in seven EU countries had unemployment rates of between 2.5 % and 4.9 %. If unemployment figures are to be prevented from growing, the Member States and EU institutions must take effective action. According to Article 3 of the Treaty on European Union, the EU must strive to achieve full employment and social progress and promote economic, social and territorial cohesion and solidarity among Member States.

1. Is the Commission planning to create a special programme for subregions with high unemployment rates, using the European Social Fund, the European Regional Development Fund and additional social investment packages?
2. Is the Commission planning to create a special investment plan involving the relevant European and national authorities in these areas in an effort to ensure sustainable regional development, stimulate growth and prevent migration?