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to the Commission**

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Subject: European Statistical Programme and social indicators

The European Statistical Programme was set up in 2013 and is now being extended to 2020, its budget being increased by EUR 218.1 million. The purpose of the programme is to provide statistical information in order to help politicians, researchers and EU citizens to improve the implementation and evaluation of EU policies.

It does not, however, currently offer reliable data on social matters and the job market.

How is the Commission preparing to address this issue?

How can it justify its claims that EU policies have had a positive impact on job creation in Europe if it does not have reliable data?

What new indicators is it planning to include in the European Statistical Programme to evaluate the impact of EU policies on the job market, in particular the austerity policies imposed on Member States?