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to the Commission**

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Subject: Report on Spain

In a recent report about Spain, the Commission published a detailed analysis of a country that, for the average person, is not working and which is extremely worrying, with levels of inequality, poverty and social exclusion 'among the highest in the EU', a labour market with one of the highest temporary employment rates in the EU, and most seriously, where 13% of workers, 28% of the general population and more than a third of the child population is at risk of poverty.

Sadly, such reports are common but the Commission continues to explore options to increase taxes such as VAT.

Does the Commission see any link between the social and labour reality that is described and the austerity measures supported by the Commission over the last decade?