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to the Commission**

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Subject: Programmes and projects for the social economy in the Western Balkan countries

All countries in the Western Balkans share the same fundamental problems in reforming their key state institutions and economic framework, notwithstanding their problems, strengths and specific circumstances. Moreover, given the shared history, culture and ethnic ties that run deep across the region, the interdependence of the Western Balkan countries is strong and must not be neglected. Their cooperation in every field enables better understanding, including understanding of the reconciliation process.

Is the Commission preparing to launch any joint programmes or projects to foster the social economy in the Western Balkan countries?