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to the Commission
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Subject: EU policy to encourage female entrepreneurship

In July 2012, the European Economic and Social Committee published an opinion entitled 'Female entrepreneurs – specific policies to increase EU growth and employment'. In this opinion, the Committee put forward four proposals to promote female entrepreneurship in Europe.

The Committee recommended establishing a European office for female entrepreneurship within the Commission and the ministries of the Member States, appointing a director responsible for female entrepreneurship within the Commission and the ministries of the Member States, gathering data and producing annual policy and research updates, and ensuring that existing legislation is applied.

Yet, five years later, the Commission and the Member States do not seem to have taken these recommendations – which had after all been considered economically appropriate by the Committee – on board.

What is the Commission's view on these proposals?

Has the Commission assessed the budgetary costs and the impact that such measures could have on gender equality in the business world?