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to the Commission**

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Subject: Liberalisation, deregulation and subsidiarity

The increase in job insecurity cannot be attributed solely to the proliferation of non-standard types of contract. The principle of free and fair competition advocated by the Commission is leading to the drastic deregulation of some professions, particularly in the services sector. The idea underpinning this whole process is that the internal market should be open to free and fair competition and encourage worker mobility. Given that major changes to the labour market are not uncommon (digitalisation, cooperation platforms), structural reforms imposed by the EU institutions often merely add to the disruption of national labour markets. Most of these reforms follow a set pattern of liberalisation which puts many workers at risk of job insecurity or even poverty.

1. How does the Commission plan to impose reforms which provide for only the most basic social rights without undermining existing social protection systems in Member States?
2. How can it guarantee that any reforms which are advocated will be consistent with the principle of subsidiarity?