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to the Commission**

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Subject: Combating economic inequality and the subsidiarity principle

The report on combating inequality as a lever to boost job creation and growth is currently being discussed in the European Parliament. The rapporteur, Javier Lopez, calls on the Commission to draw up legislation on this topic and to harmonise the policies pursued by the Member States in this area.

At the same time, however, experts are emphasising that measures to combat economic inequality should remain a Member State matter and that national governments are best placed to address this problem.

- Does the Commission plan to take action to combat economic inequality in the Member States?
- Does the Commission not agree that any action it takes in this area would be at odds with the subsidiarity principle?