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Answer given by Ms Thyssen
on behalf of the European Commission
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Following the launch of an infringement procedure on 24 January 2019 with a letter of formal notice, and the reply of the Austrian government on 25 March 2019, the Commission decided to send a reasoned opinion to Austria on 25 July 2019 due to the incompatibility of its law on the indexation of family benefits and family tax credits with EU law¹. It takes the view that the arguments put forward by Austria in its reply to the letter of formal notice did not address the Commission's concerns. If Austria fails to sufficiently address the issue(s) at stake, the Commission may pursue the procedure and ultimately refer the case to the Court of Justice of the EU.

¹ IP/19/4253