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to the Commission**
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In 2012, the Spanish Government approved labour reforms intended to bring recovery to a labour market in a critical condition. The aim was first to halt the steady flow of job losses and then to promote job creation against a background of GDP growth of less than 2 %.

This has had unfortunate results. The reform has proved to be perverse; not only does it not create employment, it is damaging standards in what employment there is. With the help of a law that has seriously reduced labour rights, the economic crisis has been used as a pretext for cutting labour costs through redundancy measures – irrespective, on occasions, of the viability of the firms invoking said law.

In July, the new President of the European Commission, Jean-Claude Juncker, presented his Agenda for Jobs, Growth, Fairness and Democratic Change.

Looking at the results of this reform, does the Commission believe that legislative measures such as this are in line with the Commission President's stated aims for the EU?

What guidelines could the Commission introduce to prevent legislative measures that are damaging the labour market significantly, creating more poverty and inequality, by leaving workers without legal protection?