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Subject: Establishment of a European minimum income

According to the latest figures from Eurostat, more than 122 million people in the EU are at risk of poverty or social exclusion (around 25% of the population), which is shocking in itself, but also poses a serious risk of a social emergency. In some countries, millions of people have no income or insufficient income to cover their most basic living needs, such as housing and food. In these countries, the situation with child poverty is even worse. The figures are shameful for one of the world's most prosperous regions, and highlight a lack of redistribution and solidarity in this time of economic crisis.

On 15 July 2014, Jean-Claude Juncker, a candidate for the position of Commission President at the time, pledged to work towards the creation of a guaranteed minimum income, which is something Parliament had already approved in the previous term.

Given that Article 153(1)(h) TFEU provides the Union with sufficient legal basis, will the Commission immediately act on this commitment by its President? What instruments does it plan to use, and within what time frame will it act?