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to the Commission**

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Subject: Financial support granted to European economic migrants to cover the costs of relocation to their countries of origin

Owing to the negative impact of the economic crisis that has hit the European Union, many migrants of Romanian origin who are currently earning the minimum wage in Spain or Italy wish to return to Romania. This also applies to economic migrants from other countries in eastern Europe, amounting to over 2 million people in EU Member States such as Spain, Italy, France, Germany and the United Kingdom, which were happy to accept cheaper labour in the 1990s.

Could the Commission launch a programme to support economic migrants who are originally from eastern European Union countries and now wish to return home, through projects co-financed by the European Union and the state of origin of the migrants concerned, or with a lump sum (EUR 6 000) to cover the costs of resettling families in their home countries? Would it be appropriate for European economic migrants who have moved and are continuing to move around Europe in search of a better life to receive financial support similar to that given to refugees from outside the EU when they wish to return to their country of origin?