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to the Commission

Subject: European Social Fund

The Italian Government has decided to use ESF assistance to cushion adverse social effects.

Does the Commission not consider that this might lead to a mismatch between the intended uses of the funding, that is to say, training and the creation of new employment opportunities, and the new use, and hence result in conflict between two valid needs, namely new job creation and the protection of existing jobs?

Does it not believe that if social cushioning is to be provided, it should be financed by additional funding, even when the ESF is to be used?

Does it not believe that when incentives are being provided to tackle the crisis, the companies benefiting from them should be asked to call a halt to any form of redundancy?