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Subject: Unfair labour practices in internship contracts in the financial services sector

Several media sources have recently reported on the death of a 21-year-old German man, an intern at the Bank of America, who died in London after working three consecutive 21-hour days, according to various accounts. This information has once again raised questions about the working conditions of interns in the European Union, and particularly in the financial services sector.

What initiatives has the Commission adopted or will it adopt to ensure that the crisis and its impact on youth unemployment does not lead to unfair labour practices becoming socially acceptable? Will it put in place measures such as the establishment of independent control systems, anonymous inquiries or protection for people who report these practices?