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Subject: Unpaid internships

Unpaid internships are discriminatory insofar as they offer highly prized professional experience only to those people who can afford to forgo a salary. The European institutions have taken great strides to put their own house in order in this regard and, generally speaking, they now remunerate their interns. There are still some exceptions, such as EU delegations abroad. The situation in many Member States, however, is rather more serious: even in the public sector unpaid internships are commonplace, or intern wages are pitched far below the minimum wage.

How does the Commission plan to tackle this problem?