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to the Commission**

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Subject: Annual Growth Survey and equal opportunities

In the autumn package of the European Semester which contains, among other elements, the Annual Growth Survey, the European Commission indicates the economic and social priorities for the coming year and calls upon the EU and its Member States to take political steps in order to secure sustainable economic growth conducive to social inclusion. At national level, political action should focus on conducting high quality investment and implementing reforms aimed at facilitating efficiency, social integration and institutional capacity, while at the same time ensuring macro-financial stability and the health of public finances. At Union level, the priorities include further development of the Single Market, Economic and Monetary Union, and the principles established in the European pillar of social rights. One of the three chapters of said pillar of social rights pertains to equal opportunities and employment, but this year's growth survey fails to mention any efforts aimed at equalising the opportunities of men and women in the labour market.

- 1) Why did the Commission not consider the issue of gender balance in its economic and social priorities for 2019?
- 2) How does the Commission intend to bridge the wage and pension gap between men and women in its Member States?