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to the Commission**

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Subject: European unemployment insurance scheme

The Commission has undertaken to support a European unemployment insurance scheme, describing it as an emergency fund that can only be deployed if an EU Member State is suddenly threatened by a wave of unemployment.

However, such a scheme does not solve the long-term structural problems of the Member States that result from mistaken policies in the past.

In fact, such funding would not reduce unemployment but would exacerbate and perpetuate the problem in the recipient countries.

While common unemployment insurance is welcomed in southern Europe and in the poorer countries of Eastern Europe, the idea is rejected in Germany.

German employers take the view that an unemployment insurance scheme of this kind penalises countries that have introduced the necessary reforms to ensure flexible and resilient labour markets and rewards countries that have failed to do their homework properly.

How can the Commission justify the introduction of a financial instrument that fails to create the right kind of incentives?

What studies and impact assessments have been used by the Commission as a basis for its decision?