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to the Commission**

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Subject: Romanian workers hard hit by the COVID-19 crisis

Statistics from Monitorul Social, a project coordinated by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung România, show that Romanian workers are among those most affected in the EU by the COVID-19 crisis. According to Eurostat, in 2019, only 0.8% of the country's workforce usually worked from home — the second lowest rate in the EU and six times below the Union average. The social restrictions that have prevented or limited travelling to one's place of work have disproportionately affected Romania's economy as a result.

The situation is not much better when it comes to the self-employed, of whom only 1.9% typically worked from home in Romania in 2019, which is ten times lower than the EU average.

What tools does the Commission have at its disposal to support workers affected by the COVID-19 pandemic?