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Subject: The temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) instrument and the European unemployment benefit reinsurance scheme

On behalf of the signatories, the EPP members of the Employment and Social Affairs Committee, I would like to ask you this question regarding the previously announced intention of the Commission to put forward a proposal for a European unemployment reinsurance scheme (EURS).

In response to the coronavirus pandemic, the Commission proposed the temporary Support to mitigate Unemployment Risks in an Emergency (SURE) instrument.

1. Does the Commission consider SURE to be the new European unemployment benefit reinsurance scheme (EUBRS), now that the economic fallout from the crisis is lasting longer than expected? Is it intending to extend this instrument only for the duration of the current exceptional situation and continue to use loans to fund it, or does it plan to create a permanent instrument to be activated in the event of other external financial shocks?

2. What are the plans for the resumption of the previously mentioned EURS initiative, and if there are such plans, what form would they take? Does the Commission intend to establish a new, additional and permanent grant-based EUBRS?