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to the Commission**

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Subject: Rising unemployment in a number of EU regions

Employment recovery in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic is uneven across EU regions.

Many European businesses have been forced to close or make drastic staff cuts in part because of the rise in production costs resulting from the energy and raw materials crisis.

However, some industrial districts are suffering more than others. In Italy, for example, unemployment increased by 3.1% between 2022 and 2023. Meanwhile, estimates based on ISTAT data forecast a 6.2% increase in the Lazio region, rising to 13.3% in the province of Frosinone.

These forecasts are particularly alarming given the large number of workers that would be affected.

In light of the above, can the Commission say:

- 1) How it intends to support Member States to ensure more even job creation and hence more homogeneous economic and social development in all EU regions;
- 2) Whether it intends to help companies create a favourable labour market environment in all local areas, including the province of Frosinone?

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