

**Priority question for written answer P-003366/2021
to the Commission**
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Subject: Statements by Commissioners Schmit and Gentiloni on the possibility of making SURE a permanent instrument

During the joint meeting of Parliament's EMPL and ECON Committees on 28 June 2021, the Commissioner for Employment, Nicolas Schmit, said in response to a question: 'We will definitely think about making SURE a permanent instrument.'

The Commissioner for Economy, Paolo Gentiloni, echoed his words, saying: 'Discussions on the future of a mechanism like SURE are possible, focusing it perhaps more on training and reskilling workers rather than on the health crisis, precisely because it has worked: that is the basis on which there could be discussions about possibly proposing it again in the future.'

Commissioner Gentiloni added that: 'SURE has, in a certain sense, been a keystone that has opened the way to the more general recovery plan, demonstrating that an operation of this kind was possible and helpful.'

The SURE fund was set up last April to provide temporary support to mitigate unemployment risks in an emergency. Monies from the fund have been disbursed to help EU countries bear some of the exceptional costs connected to funding social protection measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In light of the above, can the Commission answer the following:

1. How far advanced are the Commission's discussions on SURE?
2. Will the eligibility conditions be the same?
3. Will the procedures for collecting and disbursing monies from the fund stay the same?