



**A ‘Shared Commitment for Employment’:**  
*Commission initiates new strategy to tackle the  
employment impact of the crisis*

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1. Accelerating **€19 billion of planned funding to help people to stay in work or move towards new jobs**, through upgrading skills, encouraging entrepreneurship and improving public employment services under the **European Social Fund**. For the period 2009-2010, the Commission can reimburse Member States' declared expenditure at a rate of 100%.



2. Reallocate €100 million from the existing EU budget which when combined with funding from the European Investment Bank Group will provide more than **€500 million** for the creation of a **new EU microcredit facility...** will support those at-risk of not obtaining funds to set up a business such as the recently unemployed.



3. A commitment to provide at least **5 million apprenticeships** across the EU for young people facing unemployment; and the setting of targets to provide young unemployed with early opportunities for training or work.
4. Support for schemes – including through the ESF - to maintain viable employment through **short-time work and training**.



5. **Immediate help for the unemployed to avoid the risk of long-term unemployment and the loss of relevant skills**, including proposals that an early opportunity for training or work should be provided to each unemployed person: within 1 month for young people under 20 years old, within 2 months for those under 25 years old, and within 3 months for over 25 year olds.
  
6. Help to get the **most disadvantaged back into jobs**, for example, through lower non-wage labour costs, recruitment incentives and the promotion of low-skilled job opportunities in household and care services.





7. New online '**match and map**' service to help jobseekers match their skills with job vacancies throughout Europe via the existing European jobs portal EURES and a commitment that unemployed people looking for a job in another Member State should be eligible to receive, for at least 6 months, the unemployment benefits they were entitled to in their country of residence.



8. A focus on **skills** upgrading and a **better match with labour market needs**, with a Commission sector-by-sector analysis of EU labour market needs today and for the future including green **skills**.
9. A practical **toolkit to help companies, workers and their representatives** better manage and anticipate business restructuring.
10. A **guide for training in small businesses** to help SMEs maintain and obtain the **skills** they need.