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Subject: The sustainability of Spanish public spending

The sustainability of the public benefit system in Spain faces a serious challenge. According to recent data, the number of people who depend on public salaries, pensions and subsidies already exceeds those working in the private sector: 18 million versus 17.7 million. This situation, combined with a rapidly ageing population and pension expenditure that reached EUR 12.8 million in August, calls into question the future viability of the system.

The problem is not only demographic, but structural. The Spanish Government has promoted policies of uncontrolled public spending, increasing citizens' dependence on the state and weakening the business and productive fabric. Without a robust private sector to generate employment and wealth, the system will collapse.

Reforms are needed to promote efficiency, reduce wasteful spending and foster an enabling environment for the private sector.

In view of the above:

1. What measures does the Commission plan to implement to encourage the sustainability of the pension system in Member States with critical demographics such as Spain?

2. What strategies does the Commission suggest to strengthen the private sector and reduce citizens' dependence on state subsidies?

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