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Subject: A 'lost generation'

NextGenerationEU funds promised to be an engine of transformation intended to overcome the challenges of the pandemic and relaunch the European economy. However, four years on, the results have fallen far short of expectations. The lack of a significant impact on gross domestic product (GDP), coupled with problems such as bureaucracy, corruption and the inability to allocate resources efficiently, has called into question the funds' effectiveness. According to the European Central Bank, the impact of these funds on GDP in the first half of the programme was only 0.15 %, far from the expected 0.5 %. Moreover, fragmentary implementation, the lack of an efficient capital market and an unfriendly fiscal policy for companies prevent Europe from being competitive with other advanced economies.

Against this background, there is an urgent need to review the design and implementation of these programmes to ensure that investments and reforms deliver sustainable and transparent results. Europe cannot afford to let this be another missed opportunity.

In view of this:

1. What strategies does the Commission propose for reviewing the conditions for NextGenerationEU funds to avoid bureaucracy and corruption, and for prioritising structural reforms that boost productivity in the Member States?

2. How does the Commission intend to promote the creation of an efficient capital market that will enable European companies to grow and compete globally?

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