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Answer given by Executive Vice-President Mînzatu
on behalf of the European Commission
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Insofar as the Honourable Member refers to the ‘2021-2025 drugs strategy and action plan’, the Commission recalls that it adopted a new EU drugs strategy on 4 December 2025¹. The Strategy focuses on 5 key areas² including protecting public health and strengthening prevention, treatment and reintegration measures. The EU Drugs Agency, under its reinforced mandate, will support Member states with practical guidance and awareness-raising activities.

Regarding the Honourable Member’s remarks on public health and social services, the Commission stresses that pursuant to Article 168(7) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, EU action must respect the responsibilities of Member States for the definition of their health policy and for the organisation and delivery of health services and medical care, which includes the management of health services and medical care, and the allocation of the resources assigned to them.

Finally, concerning the issue of precarious employment, the Commission recalls that the Framework Agreement on Fixed-Term Work annexed to Directive 1999/70/EC³ requires Member States to introduce measures to prevent and penalise the abusive use of successive fixed-term employment contracts. Indeed, principle 5 of the European Pillar of Social Rights calls for the transition towards open-ended forms of employment to be fostered. However, EU labour law does not provide for a right to the renewal of a fixed-term contract, nor does the Framework Agreement impose a general obligation on the Member States to provide for the conversion of fixed-term into permanent employment contracts⁴.

¹ COM(2025) 743 final - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:52025DC0743>.

² I) Enhancing preparedness and response to drug related threats; II) Protecting public health and strengthening prevention, treatment and reintegration measures; III) Strengthening security; IV) Measures to prevent drug-related harm; V) stronger partnership.

³ https://employment-social-affairs.ec.europa.eu/policies-and-activities/rights-work/labour-law/working-conditions/fixed-term-work_en.

⁴ This principle has been confirmed by the settled case-law of the Court of Justice of the EU. To that effect, see for example the judgment of 4 July 2006, C-212/04, Adeneler and Others, ECLI:EU:C:2006:443, paragraphs 81 and 91.