



Extracts from the press conference by José Manuel Barroso on communication for the Spring European Council - Driving European recovery to shape a global upturn (update)

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José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, presented its proposals for the Spring Council of EU heads of state and government. In relation with Eurobonds, President Barroso explains that it could be interesting from an European point of view, but he says very clear that at this moment a large number of countries are against this idea and it would be not realistic to try to create them at present. Talking about employment, he says that figures are very worrying as employment could contract by 1.6 this year, what means around 3.5 million jobs, and unemployment could reach 10%. He adds that it is necessary to use all the existing instruments at European and national level.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:34:32	Title	00:00:04
10:34:37	General view of the press conference room	00:00:07
10:34:44	SOUNDBITE (French) by José Manuel Barroso, President of the EC, on Eurobonds: the idea is interesting from a European point of view, but at this moment there is a very clear opposition coming from a large number of countries; we must concentrate on what can be done and not on things that are impossible to achieve.	00:00:25
10:35:09	Cutaway	00:00:05
10:35:14	SOUNDBITE (English) by José Manuel Barroso: We expect the overall employment to be contracted by 1.6 this year, this means around 3.5 million jobs, and unemployment could reach 10%; these are very worrying figures and we are not hiding them, but at the same time I'm not going to speculate on what can happen in terms of social tensions; we should use to the maximum our instruments at European and national level.	00:00:31
10:35:45	Cutaway	00:00:05
10:35:50	SOUNDBITE (English) by José Manuel Barroso: What if, what if? We are not yet there and I hope we will never be in that position; we are considering all options, we are monitoring the situation inside the eurozone and outside the eurozone, and I'm sure that we are going to be able to respond to any difficult situation	00:00:20

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10:36:10	Cutaway	00:00:04
10:36:14	SOUNDBITE (French) by José Manuel Barroso: It is out of question to review the criteria to enter the eurozone.	00:00:13
10:36:27	Cutaway	00:00:05

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