



### Extracts from the press conference by László Andor on the Social Investment Package

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On 20 February 2013, László Andor, Member of the EC in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, held a press conference on the Social Investment Package adopted by the European Commission. The European Commission called on Member States to prioritise social investment and to modernise their welfare states. This means better performing active inclusion strategies and a more efficient and more effective use of social budgets. The call features in a Communication on Social Investment for Growth and Cohesion just adopted by the Commission. The Communication also offers guidance to Member States on how best to use EU financial support, notably from the European Social Fund, to implement the outlined objectives. The Commission will closely monitor the performance of individual Member States' social protection systems through the European Semester and formulate, where necessary, Country Specific Recommendations.

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TIME	DESCRIPTION	DURATION
10:00:00	Title	00:00:05
10:00:05	Arrival of László Andor, Member of the EC in charge of Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion	00:00:06
10:00:11	SOUNDBITE by László Andor (in ENGLISH): The European Commission has adopted today a Social Investment Package. This completes the cycle we started with the White Paper on Pensions, the Employment Package of April 2012, continued with the Youth Employment Package in December 2012, and which now ends with the adoption of this Package. These documents have served a triple purpose: they deliver initiatives that had been announced in the Europe 2020 Strategy back in 2010, they respond to the deepening economic and social crisis, and they also prepare for closer coordination of policies within the EU.	00:00:40
10:00:51	Cutaway of a photographer	00:00:03
10:00:54	SOUNDBITE by László Andor (in ENGLISH): The Social Investment Package delivers a Recommendation on fighting child poverty, which was a promise since launching the European Platform against Poverty and Social Exclusion, just over two years ago. Reducing inequality at a young age by investing in early childhood education and care must be a shared commitment of all our national governments. The Package also delivers a	00:00:39

	our national governments. The Package also contains a report on active inclusion, which has been at the heart of EU social policies in recent years, based upon adequate income support, inclusive labour markets and access to quality services.	
10:01:34	General view of the audience	00:00:03
10:01:38	SOUNDBITE by László Andor (in ENGLISH): The Commission has proposed that at least 20 per cent of total European Social Fund resources in each Member State shall be used for promoting social inclusion and combating poverty. We also proposed that the ESF should be endowed with at least 25 per cent of cohesion policy funding. And this is, actually, the best time to recall this important proposal, given the forthcoming negotiations between the European Parliament and the Council about the Multiannual Financial Framework.	00:00:33
10:02:11	László Andor leaving the press room (2 shots)	00:00:08

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