

Script – Video message from Commissioner Marianne Thyssen on the Commission's proposal for a Recommendation tackling long-term unemployment

Long term unemployment is one of sorest legacies of the crisis. More than 12 million people in the European Union have been unable to find a job for more than one year.

Half of them have been out of a job for more than 2 years. The longer they remain unemployed, the more difficult it is to get these people back to work.

The Juncker Commission is 100% committed to get more people into jobs and get Europe growing again.

Today I am presenting a **proposal**, which can be part of the solution.

It sets out **three key steps** to make it easier for long-term unemployed people to find a job again:

First, registering with the unemployment services;

second, receiving an individual assessment,

and **third**, getting a job integration agreement, at the latest of 18 months of unemployment.

This combined support should be offered through a single point of contact, instead of having to follow up through different services.

I count on the support of all the 28 Member States, social partners and employers. That is the only way we can really make a difference and help jobless people into work again.