

## Script - Video animation on the proposal for a Recommendation tackling long-term unemployment

The number of people in **long-term unemployment**, out of work for more than a year, **doubled** between 2007 and 2014 to 12 million people. 60% have been out of work for two years or more.

The longer people are out of work, the harder it is to get a job.

Each year, 1 in 5 stop looking for a job, become inactive; increasing the risk of social exclusion and poverty for them and their families.

### 4 facts facing people in long-term unemployment:

1. Only 73% are registered and receive support
2. They account for 50% of all unemployed people but get less than 20% of active support
3. There is a lack of coordination between employment and social services in 2/3 of EU countries, which can lead to discontinuity of services
4. Employers are not sufficiently involved in support programmes

The Commission's new proposal recommends **service improvements in 3 steps**:

1. Registration with an employment service;
2. Individual assessment (at the latest at 18 months of unemployment);
3. Job integration agreement (at the latest at 18 months of unemployment).

**Job integration agreements** can include:

- mentoring and assistance with looking for a job,
- further education and training,
- support for housing, transport, childcare services or rehabilitation,

depending on the existing services in each EU country.

It is delivered through a **single point of contact** to ensure the continuity and consistency of the support.

The proposal also includes **stronger involvement of employers**, including financial incentives, to bring the long-term unemployed back into jobs.

Action is vital:

- to achieve lasting and inclusive growth

and

- to ease the pressure on public finances; fewer people out of work means lower social assistance spending and higher tax revenues.

There is **EU funding** available for implementation, through the

- European Social Fund

and the

- Programme for Employment and Social Innovation.

For more information visit the page on the [long-term unemployment Recommendation page](#):

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