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Subject: Revitalisation of city centres

The small retailers and businesses that help to create the dynamism and diversity of European town centres are going through tough times in many Member States. Yet they contribute to the social and territorial cohesion and the economic development of the regions by providing local jobs that cannot be relocated and by improving the quality of life in these regions.

Joint solutions at European level therefore seem necessary, in line with the major priorities of the EU: employment (particularly youth employment and training), the development of digital tools, and 'smart cities' and urban programmes.

1. How does the Commission intend to incorporate this issue into the urban agenda that is currently under discussion?
2. What instruments can be mobilised to contribute to maintaining the dynamism of European town and city centres?