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to the Commission**

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Subject: Use of the ESF and integration of migrants

In principle, the source of funding for the management of migratory flows is the European Refugee Fund (ERF), now the Integration Fund, a specialised EU funding instrument which supports Member States in facilitating the integration of immigrants. Measures funded from this source can now be supplemented by the European Social Fund (ESF).

Member States which choose to make integrating migrants into the job market a priority can now include this thematic objective in each European Structural Fund (ESF) operational programme.

Would the Commission not agree that in practice these new provisions relating to the ESF operational programmes mean that less funding is available to help European nationals return to employment?