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to the Commission
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Subject: Migrants and anti-Europeanism

Recently, there has been a multiplication in Europe of parties and movements that are uniting populist forces (nationalism, localism, tax revolts, opposition to the euro and to Europe) with programmes that are anti-immigration, illiberal or, in some cases, openly fascist or even Nazi. These movements are not only characterised by their xenophobic and racist sentiments, but also by their opposition to EU bodies, undermining the European structure as it stands today.

These euro-sceptic parties and movements are exploiting the economic crisis to weaken the European Union, its history and its institutions.

The only possible way to combat extremism and nationalism and to address the supranational challenges of the 21st century is to complete the process of building the United States of Europe.

Can the Commission therefore say what measures it intends to take to:

1. strengthen in EU citizens the feeling of belonging to the common European area;
2. counter the illiberal, antidemocratic forces being channelled by movements and parties that run counter to the democratic principles of the European Union as enshrined in the Treaty of Lisbon;
3. launch the process of establishing the United States of Europe?