

European Commission highlights need for social investment

EU members have been urged by the Commission to prioritise social investment as a key part of their economic recovery. Contemporary issues members face (of high unemployment, financial difficulty and social exclusion) require an efficient and coordinated social investment strategy. Various studies have shown some member states to be performing far better than others in this field whilst spending less (both proportionately and in total) and the Commission aims to build upon this experience to provide country specific recommendations.

The Commission has outlined three key areas to focus on:

Meeting citizens' needs at the right time, avoiding future social breakdown

Achieving efficient and sustainable social policies with less resources

Increasing active inclusion strategies to engage all parts of society

A detailed overview of the Commission's statement and more information on the topic is available here

<http://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?langId=en&catId=1044&newsId=1807&furtherNews=yes>

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