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The role of policy measures to tackle long-term unemployment

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Long-term unemployment: major concern for business

- 25 million unemployed
- Rising share of long-term unemployed
- Impact:
 - Depreciation of skills
 - Sustainability of social protection systems
 - Waste of labour market potential



The key: Structural labour market reforms

- Differences between member states
- Benefits of pre-crisis reforms
- Reforms since the crisis – must continue



Drivers in and out of long-term unemployment

- Urgent need to return to growth
- Social protection geared to labour market participation
- Dealing with skills mismatches
- Reducing labour tax wedge



EU policy action

- Employment package
- Forthcoming Social Investment package



EU Social Partners action

- Implementation of Inclusive Labour Market Agreement
- Forthcoming in-depth employment analysis

