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to the Commission**

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Subject: Development of the outermost regions

The European Union currently has 9 outermost regions (ORs): the Azores, Madeira, the Canary Islands, Guadeloupe, Martinique, Réunion, Mayotte, Saint Martin and French Guiana. Together, they represent 4.5 million inhabitants.

Sadly, these regions are at a disadvantage owing to various geographical and natural issues such as their difficult topography, remoteness and insularity. These issues are hindering their economic development.

As an example, Guadeloupe, Réunion, Martinique and French Guiana received EUR 3.9 billion of European funding over the period 2007-2013.

1. Could the Commission specify the amounts that have been allocated to the 9 ORs for the period 2014-2020, together with the strategic axes to which it is giving priority?
2. What precise measures does the Commission intend to implement so as to support the economic development of these ORs?
3. How can the Commission help these ORs in becoming less insular and in developing their transport infrastructures?