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to the Commission**

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Subject: Fully honouring islands' special situation in the EU

Island regions in the European Union face specific challenges as a result of their unfavourable geographical location, and those challenges have a profound impact on territorial, economic and social development. Owing to their location, those areas face greater difficulties in the provision of essential services and the development of residents' quality of life.

In view of the above and, in particular, with a view to fostering island regions' balanced and sustainable growth:

1. With a view to upholding the principle of supporting islands, whose situation is different to that of mainland territories, what measures will the Commission take in the next financial programming?
2. What initiatives will it take to address island regions' economic and social disparities, and are any specific measures to improve infrastructure and connections being provided for?
3. How will the Commission support island regions in their transition to a sustainable economy, also taking account of climate change?

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