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to the Commission**
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Subject: Cooperation between local authorities

In an increasingly globalised world where the unrestricted movement of individuals and capital is increasingly becoming a reality, cities are assuming greater social, economic and cultural significance, sometimes even eclipsing the countries in which they are situated. For example, London and Paris enjoy wider renown as a financial centre and tourist attraction respectively, than either the United Kingdom or France.

A number of large European cities have, over time, developed specialist areas of activity, becoming financial, aeronautical, maritime or fashion hubs, favoured locations for the organisation of exhibitions or centres for research into biotechnology or new energy technologies.

How does the Commission intend to support efforts by local and regional authorities to develop a network of cooperation between European metropolitan centres in specific areas, providing funding for an increasing number of interregional and cross-border cooperation and job creation projects?