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to the Commission**

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Subject: Participation of autonomous regions in the research consortia (Horizon 2020)

In Portugal, some researchers in the fields of heritage, art and archaeology have been working in the field of urban renewal, which may become eligible for EU funding, particularly under the Framework Programme for Research (Horizon 2020).

Much of this work is carried out with the participation of autonomous regions, as the potential benefits are clear. However, the rules of the Programme do not permit autonomous regions, unlike companies, to be members of the research consortia.

We ask the European Commission:

1. Can it confirm that autonomous regions may not take part in the investigation consortia under the Framework Programme? What is the justification for this?
2. What funding alternatives are available for consortia that do include autonomous regions?