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to the Commission**

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Subject: Support for countries with lower investment in research and innovation

Countries which invest more in research and innovation achieve better long-term results than those with lower investment in these areas. Nevertheless, there continues to be a major imbalance between some Member States and others in this regard, meaning that there will continue to be differences in the degree of development within the EU.

The EU has set itself ambitious objectives in support of research and innovation between now and 2020, aimed at increasing competitiveness and creating employment in the EU.

What steps is the Commission going to take to ensure that there is a better balance and that countries which continue to have lower investment in research and innovation can have greater access to European research support programmes?