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to the Commission
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Subject: The Commission's objectives in the province of Vojvodina

While larger conflicts, including the continuing crisis in Ukraine, loom over the political landscape, another storm is brewing in the Balkans. Part of the problem is the shifting balance of ethnicities in the Serbian province of Vojvodina, where (according to data for 2011) Serbs make up more than 66% of the population and are thus at present the largest ethnic group. Observations indicate, however, that efforts are under way – involving neighbouring Croatia in particular – to accelerate immigration to Vojvodina notably by Roma from former Yugoslavia and Albanians from Kosovo and to promote their settlement there. Locally based representatives of the European Union are clearly providing logistical and financial support. This raises a number of questions.

1. What are the Commission's objectives in Vojvodina, which is currently a province of the Republic of Serbia?
2. To what extent, and under which programmes, is the Commission supporting the settlement of immigrants in the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina? What are the Commission's priorities here in terms of ethnicities?
3. How much money has been spent in recent years in support of the programmes and measures referred to in point 2 above?