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Subject: Territorial cohesion and the investment plan for Europe

The investment plan for Europe does not take account of any geographic criteria.

However, the requirement that future projects financed under this plan are profitable and the complexity of the financial arrangements are liable to disqualify the most fragile regions and favour the towns and cities. This could in fact lead to the neglect of rural zones and overseas regions. In summary, the Juncker plan would lead to the exacerbation of territorial inequalities.

Would it not be preferable to firstly distribute the projects geographically with a view to maintaining territorial cohesion?