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to the Commission**

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Subject: Action Plan for Gerês-Xurés Cross-Border Biosphere Reserve in Spain and Portugal

Gerês-Xurés Cross-Border Biosphere Reserve is the only nature reserve that spans Spain and Portugal. As we recently discovered, Galicia and northern Portugal are coordinating an Action Plan to set up a road map for the two territories in this region until 2020. The aim is to create collaboration projects with a view to obtaining EU funding through four focus areas: the Reserve's image and identity, socio-economic development, nature conservation and social participation. The Plan requires an investment of EUR 13 million, of which Galicia will contribute EUR 2.6 million.

Has the Commission received this Action Plan for Gerês-Xurés Cross-Border Biosphere Reserve in Spain and Portugal? What EU funding has been set aside for this region in the past, and for what projects?