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to the Commission**

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Subject: Joint projects implemented by small localities

A considerable number of small villages or communes in the European Union find it difficult to access European funds when they intend to carry out projects that are important for their citizens, such as waste water treatment plants, water supply, sewerage, the construction of sports venues and their endowment with related equipment, and the maintenance of such facilities.

The association of such localities for the implementation of joint projects, including at cross-border level, would be beneficial for their citizens and for easier access to the European funds intended for them.

How does the Commission consider that the efforts of these local authorities could be supported in order for joint projects to be started and carried out without additional costs?