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to the Commission**

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Subject: Funds for Euroregion

The Vice-President of the *Xunta de Galicia* [regional government of Galicia] has recently declared before the Galician parliament that the Galicia-Northern Portugal Euroregion was hoping to capture 40% of the European funds allocated to the Iberian peninsula for job creation, helping SMEs, research, development and innovation projects and improving natural resources, under the new Operational Programme for Cross-border Cooperation: Spain-Portugal (POCTEP). This would involve an investment of around EUR 160 million.

In view of the lack of detail as to how these funds might be captured, the following questions arise:

What percentage of the funds allocated for the purposes mentioned above within the Iberian peninsula was captured by the Galicia-Northern Portugal Euroregion in the preceding financial period?

What funds have been committed to this Euroregion in the new financial period?

Considering the information at the Commission's disposal, what possibilities does this Euroregion have to capture the funds announced by the Vice-President of Galicia?