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Subject: Support for research, innovation and higher education in the outermost regions

The outermost regions (ORs) need to strengthen research, innovation and higher education as indispensable means for moving towards sustainable development in accordance with the objectives set by the European Union for 2020.

Above all, the ORs can take a significant role in sectors such as research and innovation, renewable energies, biodiversity, agriculture, marine resources, health, ICT, cultural heritage, regional cooperation and neighbourhood policy.

What measures is the Commission promoting to strengthen these areas, which are essential to the sustainable growth of the ORs and their contribution to the EU 2020 Strategy?