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to the Commission**

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Subject: POSEI- transport

The Azores region, due to the physical configuration of its archipelago, suffers from so-called double insularity – double insularity due to its distance from the mainland and the distance between the islands. Both factors make movement of people and goods between islands, and between the islands and the mainland, significantly more expensive.

For many years the region has called for measures for the outermost regions (ORs) from the Commission, such as the creation of the POSEI programme for transport. POSEI (Programme of Options Specifically Relating to Remoteness and Insularity) is a specific EU funding programme to support the outermost regions, which aims to combat the disadvantages of distance. The Committee on Regional Development made this recommendation in 2012.

I would like to ask the Commission what its position is on this matter and whether it is thinking of strengthening aid mechanisms specifically directed at transport and mobility to ORs.