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to the Commission**

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Subject: Promotion of research into, and use of, geothermal energy

Geothermal energy, which originates from heat from the Earth's centre, has great potential and in recent decades has been developed as a source of energy, although its consumption continues to be very low.

This energy can be used both for electricity generation and for direct heat in various domestic and industrial uses.

What action is the Commission developing to increase research and promote the use of geothermal energy?

What possibilities does the Commission believe there are for more extensive development of this energy source in a region like the Canary Islands, which has a large geothermal potential?