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to the Commission**
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Subject: The Smart Cities market

The development of 'smart' – efficient, sustainable and economically and socially prosperous – cities should be the answer to the increasing depopulation of rural areas and the increasing pressure on the infrastructure and functioning of cities. The market for Smart Cities, i.e. investments in innovative and highly technological solutions and policies could, by some estimates, create the value of USD 1.5 billion by the year 2020.

How does the Commission plan to encourage European companies to secure orders for the development of these markets so that development of Smart Cities may at the same time directly serve the growth of the European economy?