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to the Commission**

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Subject: Exploiting the marine environment of the outermost regions

The outermost regions (OMRs) account for almost half the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) of the EU: a potential reserve of wealth of around 15 million km² out of a total of 25 million km².

This marine environment is also a testing ground for the EU with regard to food security and combating global warming, amongst other things. Furthermore, it represents an asset of inestimable value in terms of both biodiversity and natural resources.

What measures is the Commission proposing to make better use of the marine environment of the exclusive economic zone of the OMRs?

What programmes already exist now to move forward on this?