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Subject: Support for development of renewable energy in the outermost regions

The location and geographical characteristics of the outermost regions prevent their interconnection with European energy markets. This makes them very dependent on fossil fuels, with a dependence of almost 98 % in the Canary Islands. The cost of energy production in the outermost regions is often higher than the cost of production on the European mainland.

In these areas, therefore, it is essential to implement projects to reduce energy dependence and make even more use of renewable energy sources, with the medium- and long-term goal of achieving energy independence.

What steps does the Commission propose to boost renewable energy growth in the outermost regions?

Which EU programmes are working towards this end?