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to the Commission**

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Subject: Cooperation with Cuba in the field of science and technology

Within the framework of the welcome normalisation of relations between the European Union and its Member States and Cuba, in the light of the most recent developments, and taking account of the potential for deepening relations with Cuba in fields such as science and technology and R&D, can the Commission say what steps are being considered in this area? In particular:

1. Are any initiatives involving the European Research Council being considered?
2. Is the Commission considering the possibility of supporting and funding exchanges of researchers (with exchange visits to European and Cuban laboratories), joint scientific meetings, and the funding of bursaries, among other initiatives?
3. What other initiatives are the Commission thinking of developing, and what is the proposed calendar of events?