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to the Commission**

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Subject: Commercial relations between the ORs and neighbouring countries

In recent years, the Commission has worked to promote the regional integration of the outermost regions in their surrounding geographical areas, also managing to achieve greater cooperation between the ORs and the ACP countries and the OCTs.

What is the Commission's assessment of the programmes developed in this area?

Have these policies achieved their objective of strengthening commercial relations between these areas?

Does the Commission believe that it has fulfilled the objective of taking advantage so as to enable the EU to enter expanding regional markets in areas surrounding the ORs?