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Subject: Protecting rare plants

Scientists have raised the alarm on many occasions and warned that various plant species are in danger of disappearing. Several Member States have responded by launching wide-ranging programmes to identify endangered plant species with a view to finding solutions that will ensure their protection.

These programmes include a range of educational activities, such as schemes designed to involve young people in identifying the species concerned, as well as natural garden competitions.

One possible solution with a view to protecting these plant species might be to grow plants whose survival in their natural environment is under threat in place of the flowers that are usually planted in municipal flower beds, public gardens and allotments.

How will the Commission support local, regional and cross-border initiatives of this kind with a view to launching and developing measures to protect plant species?