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to the Commission**
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Subject: Agricultural research

Although Member States are encouraged to allocate larger budgets to agricultural research and development in a bid to accomplish the objectives of the Europe 2020 strategy, in many Member States, Romania included, agricultural research faces major problems, such as specialists' lack of motivation to carry on their work in this field, a lack of research guidance to increase efficiency among agricultural producers in different sectors, a lack of agricultural extension service, and so on.

On the other hand, the EU is attempting to create a single European research space, which should enable researchers to work in any Member State and within which cross-border cooperation should be supported and encouraged.

In this context, what actions is the Commission considering taking to support projects which increase the efficiency of the agricultural research and development sector and to combat young people's disinterest in participating in this system?