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Subject: Humanitarian innovation

Despite increased investment in the area, scaling humanitarian innovation is still an ongoing challenge and there is a lack of evidence to demonstrate the impact of innovation in the sector. Moreover, it seems that there is no general mechanism to assess how investment in innovation compares to direct investment in life-saving activities in terms of lives saved or suffering. Other elements that prevent humanitarian innovation from being scaled include a lack of normal markets in humanitarian contexts, investment infrastructure for innovation, and incentives to adopt innovation in humanitarian actions.

Given that these issues may delay the impact of humanitarian assistance and increase the level of investment required, does the Commission plan to tackle the above challenges?