

**Question for written answer E-011739/2011
to the Commission**
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Subject: Poverty in the outermost regions

It is accepted that in order to combat poverty specific measures are required, particularly budgetary ones, to prevent and contain poverty and eliminate social exclusion.

Unfortunately, not only is there a lack of such measures, but budget cuts are expected for the 2014-2020 financial period which may affect important areas such as the specific allocation for the Autonomous Regions of the Azores and Madeira.

Could the Commission therefore provide the following information:

1. What studies have been made of the impact of the crisis on the outermost regions, particularly in terms of poverty?
2. What is the financial outlook for the 2014-2020 period for the outermost regions, as regions which are particularly susceptible to crises and where there is a real risk of increased poverty and social exclusion if financial support from the EU is not increased?