

**Question for written answer E-002269/2020**  
**to the Commission**  
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**Subject:** Strategy to support the outermost regions post-COVID-19

Since the end of 2019, a growing number of people worldwide have been affected by the new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2. On 11 March 2020, the World Health Organisation declared COVID-19 to be a pandemic. To date there are confirmed cases in all EU Member States. The European Union is facing an unprecedented pandemic,

which will cause a global economic crisis.

All parts of the EU are facing difficulties, and the outermost regions are no exception. We know, however, that their economic and structural weaknesses are intrinsically greater as are result of their particular circumstances, and the risks of unemployment are thus higher.

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What positive discrimination measures are planned for the EU's outermost regions?

What economic stimulus mechanisms does the Commission plan to put in place in the EU's outermost regions?

How does the EU intend to foster economic recovery in the outermost regions?