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to the Commission**

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Subject: Situation in Euroregions

With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, many Member States have decided to close their borders, suspending the implementation of Regulation (EU) 2016/399 (Schengen Borders Code), which contains no provisions for a temporary reintroduction of internal border controls for public health reasons.

Indeed, the border closures have constituted a radical departure from the economic, social and cultural realities of the Euroregions, bringing cross-border economic activity grinding to a halt and flying in the face of European Parliament Resolution 2004/2257.

As Member States are now starting to ease the restrictions:

1. Has the Commission considered encouraging Member States to regard cross-border communities or Euroregions as entities in their own right and accordingly seek a uniform easing of restrictions within them, irrespective of national borders?
2. Does the Commission intend to channel funding into the Euroregions specifically earmarked for measures to deal with the economic fallout of COVID-19 and the resulting job losses?